



June 6, 2023

Hon. Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Senate Budget Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 8630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hon. Phil Ting, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 8230  
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**Re: California Community Colleges  
6870-101-0001**

Dear Senator Skinner and Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the Community College League of California (League), the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), and the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), we would like to express our appreciation to the Governor and Legislature for their support of the California Community Colleges and to affirm the following positions on priority items currently in discussion for the final State Budget.

- 1) **COLA:** We stand in strong support of the 8.22% COLA and emphasize its fundamental importance to our districts.
- 2) **CCC Recovery Block Grant:** We support allowing districts the flexibility of spending between Deferred Maintenance, COVID-19 Block Grant, and Student Recruitment and Retention, and we urge the maximum funding possible for this purpose.
- 3) **TBL Incorporating the Recent State Audit on Full-Time Faculty Hiring:** To the extent this is included in the budget, we encourage a focus on diversifying the faculty ranks. There are sections of the audit, particularly those on eliminating non-instructional faculty from the FON and 75/25 goal, that are prohibitively expensive and counterproductive to fulfilling either the Governor’s Roadmap or Vision for Success.
- 4) **Student Housing:** We continue to advocate for the maximum level of State Grant, particularly to fund those on the second list of projects. As our organizations are individually and collectively focused on student affordability to address the extreme crisis in homelessness and housing insecurity, we strongly prefer the Grant over the Revolving Loan Fund.

Given the fluidity of the budget process, we retain our right to edit or amend these positions as new information becomes available. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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