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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE URGES SUPPORT FOR MAY 19 BALLOT MEASURES
Community college leaders endorse six ballot measures to preserve higher education access

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Community College League of California today endorsed six ballot measures that implement a bipartisan eighteen-month budget deal crafted by lawmakers and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in February. The endorsement follows unanimous votes in support by the League’s two policy boards, the California Community College Trustees and the Chief Executive Officers of California Community Colleges.

“The eighteen-month budget maintains the promise of higher education at a time of surging enrollment demand due to a record number of high school graduates, redirected students from four-year universities, the newly unemployed and returning veterans,” said Scott Lay, President and Chief Executive Officer of the League. “These ballot measures are needed to maintain the funding for 36,000 additional full-time students included in the budget.”

In endorsing the measures, the League released new analysis that shows that community college districts could lose \$319 million next year if Propositions 1C, 1D and 1E fail. The analysis further shows that community colleges would receive \$1 billion over the next decade to restore purchasing power and access if Proposition 1B’s education repayment plan is approved.

“Proposition 1A gets our state back on track toward fixing our budgetary dysfunction,” said Lay. “The League remains committed to pursuing other efforts to ensure that programs essential to our fiscal and social health are adequately funded while protecting our citizens’ tax funds from waste.”

The Community College League of California is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose voluntary membership consists of the 72 local community college districts in California. The League promotes student access and success by strengthening colleges through leadership development, advocacy, policy development and district services.



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACTS

Districts: 72 districts
Colleges: 110 colleges

Full-time equivalent students (annual): 1,297,600 (+10.2% Fall 2008)
Headcount enrollment (term): 1,823,600 (+6.2% Fall 2008)

Student demographics:

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| African-American | 7.2% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 0.9% |
| Asian | 11.9% |
| Filipino | 3.5% |
| Hispanic | 30.0% |
| Other Non-White | 1.9% |
| Pacific Islander | 0.7% |
| Unknown | 8.8% |
| White Non-Hispanic | 35.0% |

State-determined funding per full-time student: \$5,845 (Budget Act)
Per-student credit funding: \$4,595*

18-Month Budget Agreement (adopted February 19, 2009)

2008-09 Budget Changes:

- **Eliminates \$39.8 million for a 0.68% cost-of-living adjustment approved in the 2008-09 Budget Act.**
- **Eliminates \$4 million for reimburseable state mandates.**
- **Maintains funding for 2% enrollment growth (24,000 full-time students).**

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- **Funds 3% enrollment growth, or enough funding for 36,000 full-time students.**
- **Maintains funding for Competitive Cal Grant program, which largely targets returning (older) economically disadvantaged students.**

* This is the rate colleges receive for each new student, and with which the enrollment decline is projected on under the general student funding cut.