



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

July 2020 Webinar



COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



Today's Update

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November 2020 Ballot



Proposition 15: Prop 13 Loophole

- For the purposes of property tax assessments, personal and commercial property are largely taxed at value of when the property changes hands.
- Commercial property purchases are largely structured to maintain original assessment of property value.
- Significant undervaluing of large commercial properties for tax purposes.
- Proposition 15 would require large non-residential commercial properties to be assessed at their commercial value, not on point-of-purchase.
- Would result in an increase in funding to schools and local governments.



Proposition 16: Repealing Prop 209

- Prop 209 prohibits public entities from taking into account race when considering awarding contracts, making hiring decisions, or admitting students.

Community College Prop 209 Impacts:

- More difficult to hire faculty that are reflective of the student population.
- Harder to disaggregate student success data on the basis of race and ethnicity.
- Authorized by ACA 5 (Weber).
- Would make it easier to hire a diverse faculty pool.

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Legislative Update



COVID-19 and the Capitol

- Legislature returns to session on July 27th
- New legislative calendar will likely result in further reduction of legislation.
- Essentially condenses four months of the legislative session into one month.
- Impact to community college related legislation unknown at this point.

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Federal Update



Budget Dependent on Stimulus Funding

- Close to 10% of the budget depends on federal stimulus funding.
- Both parties agree on the importance of a fourth round of stimulus funding, but no framework for compromise reached.

Major Issues:

- Assistance to state and local governments, including schools.
- Liability protection from frivolous lawsuits related to COVID-19 for public and private employers.
- Incentives or requirements for schools and colleges to hold in-person classes to qualify for federal funding.

