



ACBO Position on Governors Budget

- ☑ ACBO Supports Governors proposed tax initiative. Should the initiative prove unsuccessful with voters, the resulting funding reductions will be devastating to the system incurring significant adverse consequences to California's communities and economy.
- ☑ If a tax initiative passes, instead of using funding to make an accounting change by reversing the deferral, the additional funding ought to be used to focus on access. Approximately 75% of the proposed funding for community colleges ought to go to "buy down" past years' workload reductions enabling students to have access to course sections.
- ☑ Using the funding for access would mean California's community colleges could educate approximately 82,000 more students.
- ☑ With the student Success Task Force making recommendations to focus attention on student success, the remaining 25% of proposed funding ought to go to fund vital student support services within community college categorical programs. The majority of the additional funding ought to go to the new Student Support Initiative in order to focus precious resources in the most efficient and cost effective manner.
- ☑ Community colleges are currently adjusting to a student fee and property tax revenue shortfall of approximately \$150 million. Additionally, the Governor has proposed replacing general fund support with property tax revenues from the elimination of redevelopment. California community college property tax and fee revenues ought to be guaranteed.
- ☑ We oppose the proposal to increase the minimum grade point average for Cal Grant recipients. The change would eliminate Cal Grants for approximately 30% of entitlement recipients. Most of these are community college students with an average income of just over \$19,000.
- ☑ We support the categorical block grant funding flexibility proposal. Districts have different demographics and thus should be allowed to allocate the funds based on their specific regional needs.