California Community Colleges
Vital to the Economy

Fall 2012
Our Community

- **112 Colleges** Employing More Than 85,000 Californians
- Serving **2.4 Million Students**
- **25% of US Community College Students** are Enrolled in a California Community College
Fueling California’s Workforce

Our graduates and certificate earners:

*Keep you safe ~*
80% of firefighters, EMTs and police officers are trained at our colleges

*Keep you healthy ~*
70% of California nurses are educated at community colleges

*Innovate ~*
48% of UC bachelor’s degree holders in STEM majors transferred from a community college
High Return on Investment

- Californians with a college degree will earn $1.3 million more than those with a high school diploma.
- For every $1 California invests in students who graduate college, it receives a net return of $4.50.
- Californians with an associate degree nearly double their earnings in three years.
California No Longer Considers Higher Education A Top Priority

“Funding 21st Century Workforce at 1960’s Level”
Shrinking Budget vs. Growing Demand

Over the past three years...

• Funding for community colleges has been cut $809 million, or 12%

• Enrollment has decreased by more than 485,000 students, or 17% (that’s more students than currently attend all CSU campuses)

• But demand has soared, with workers seeking retraining, record numbers of high school graduates, veterans returning and students being shut out from UC and CSU
Community College Funding vs. Student Headcount

* 2012-13 funding shown at two levels based on the Proposition 30 ballot initiative passing or failing. If Proposition 30 passes, the system will receive $210 million in additional funds in 2012-13. This would allow the system to make room for an additional 20,000 students. If Proposition 30 fails, the system funding will decrease by $338 million, which translates to 180,000 fewer students being educated.
California Needs More College-Educated Workers

• Business leaders say hiring and retaining a qualified workforce is a daunting task.

• In April 2009, the Public Policy Institute of California estimated that by 2025 California will be short 1 million college degree and certificate holders to fuel its workforce.

• The US Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that jobs requiring an associate degree will grow by 19% through 2018 – twice the rate of jobs requiring a bachelor’s degree.
WITH ENROLLMENT IN THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES DECREASING BY NEARLY A HALF MILLION STUDENTS IN THREE YEARS,

WE’RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION
COMMUNITY COLLEGES HAVE RESPONDED TO DEEP CUTS BY...

• MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS
• IMPROVING EFFICIENCY
Deep Cuts Have Serious Consequences

- Across the community college system course offerings were reduced by roughly 24%, resulting in nearly a half million students being turned away over the last three years
- Colleges cut salaries and positions for administrators, faculty and staff
- Imposed furloughs
- Increased class sizes by approximately 12.5%
- Spent reserves and borrowed money
What To Expect On Community College Campuses For Fall 2012

- 70% are reducing enrollment
- 70% are offering fewer course sections
- 80% have waitlists for classes
- 87% have fewer staff
- 67% have longer student wait times for appointments
- 68% will reduce or eliminate services for students
More Cuts on the Way?

• **If Proposition 30 passes**, community colleges will receive $210 million in additional funds in 2012-13. Passage of the measure would make room for an additional 20,000 students.

• **If Proposition 30 fails**, colleges will be cut by another $338 million in the middle of the academic year, which translates into 180,000 fewer students being served.
Prop. 30 (Brown) vs. Prop. 38 (Munger)

• Only Prop. 30 spares the community colleges from mid-year cuts

• Prop. 30 and Prop. 38 cancel each other out

• If Prop. 30 and Prop. 38 receive more than 50% of the votes, the measure with more votes prevails

• If Prop. 38 passes, the community colleges will not receive additional funding and mid-year trigger cuts will be imposed
DESPITE THESE TOUGH TIMES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS
A Bold Plan for Refocusing on Student Success

The Student Success Initiative of 2012 will...

- Help improve educational outcomes and the workforce preparedness of the state and close the achievement gap for historically underrepresented students

- Decrease the amount of time it will take students to earn a degree, certificate and/or transfer to a four-year university

- Save students and taxpayers money through reforms and efficiencies
In 2012, the California Community Colleges and California State University launched the new Associate Degree for Transfer program.

The program simplifies the student transfer process between the two systems.

The initiative will generate approximately $160 million annually in cost savings.

The savings will provide access to 40,000 additional community college students and nearly 14,000 California State University students each year.
I Want To Help, But How?

- **Share** your community college story with your neighbors
- **Get informed** about Prop. 30
- **Write** your California legislators and urge support for the community college system
- **Invite** local media and elected officials to a campus tour/briefing to discuss successes and negative impact of cuts
- **Use social media to spread the word** about the value of community colleges
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