



May 15, 2023

Dear LACCD Colleagues

Last Friday, Governor Gavin Newsom released his updated budget proposal, commonly known as the [May Revision](#) for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The Governor's January budget proposal was already austere, and the updated budget proposal continues a conservative approach to budgeting. With tax returns in many counties not due until October, this budget takes a cautious approach. This May Revision proposal lowers the General Fund tax revenue estimates for 2021-22, 2022-23, and the budget year 2023-24. This, in turn, reduces the Proposition 98 Guarantee, which determines the funding level for K-12 schools and community colleges. This May Revision will kick off budget negotiations between the Legislature and the Administration, as the Legislature must approve a final budget by June 15.

The Los Angeles Community College District continues to serve our region as an economic engine of growth, education and job training. Within the May Revision, the Governor demonstrated his continued support of community colleges and to LACCD, specifically.

The following are some of the proposed changes that the May Revisions budget proposal makes:

- Ensures that the full cost-of-living adjustment is funded. The COLA has increased from 8.13% to 8.22% since January, and the Governor has committed to fully funding that 8.22% COLA in his May Revision.
- The May Revision contains two Los Angeles Community College District-sponsored priorities:
 - \$2.5 million for the Los Angeles Community College District Small Business and Entrepreneur Center at East Los Angeles College.
 - \$10 million statewide for three years to continue the LGBTQ+ pilot program.
- The May Revision Budget Proposal proposes a reduction to community college Outreach and Enrollment funding of \$100 million from the January Budget Proposal. This would leave a total of \$100 million for outreach and enrollment.
- A proposed reduction in funding to the COVID-19 Block Grant of \$354 million.
- A proposed reduction in funding for Scheduled Maintenance and Instructional Equipment of an additional \$239 million bringing the total proposed reduction to \$452 million.

We are pleased that the Governor and this Administration continue to avoid deep cuts to community colleges and vital programs and services for our students. We continue to focus on college enrollment, access and success for our students. As this budget develops, we will actively advocate for District priorities that serve our students and community and continue to make LACCD one of the drivers of economic and social mobility for our region.

I encourage you to support our advocacy efforts and stay informed by attending our monthly Board Legislative and Public Affairs Committee (LPAC). Our next meeting of the LPAC is on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Francisco C. Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor