



LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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STATE LEGISLATIVE & BUDGETARY ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 - 2024

“To Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, whose unwavering commitment and tireless advocacy to accelerate the access and success of underrepresented students in higher education, has left an indelible mark on countless lives. Your leadership, vision, and dedication have guided the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) on principles of equity and inclusion, justice, self-determination, and collaboration. You have elevated the District to new heights, inspiring legislative achievements that will benefit generations to come and ensuring that knowledge remains the most powerful tool for progress. As you embark on the next chapter of your life, may this compilation of legislative accomplishments serve as a testament to your enduring legacy and the profound impact that you have had on the past, present, and future of education at LACCD, statewide and nationally. Your advocacy efforts to remove systemic barriers to post-secondary education will continue to inspire students, staff, faculty, and Trustees at the Los Angeles Community College District, filling us with hope and optimism for the future.”

Maria Luisa Veloz
Legislative and Governmental Relations Officer
Los Angeles Community College District

ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS (2015-2024)

Since 2015, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has successfully advocated for and received over \$60 million to support LACCD programs and student services and has chaptered 27 legislative and budget measures. In addition, LACCD advocates every year in support of California Community College Base and Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases. The following is a listing of the District sponsored policy and fiscal measures from 2015 through 2024:



2024

Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing – [SB 895 \(Roth\)](#):

This bill requires the California Community College (CCC) Chancellor’s Office to establish a Community College Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program authorizing 15 community college districts with nationally accredited nursing programs to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.

[Outcome TBD]

Tuition-Free Community College Baccalaureate Degree – [AB 2093 \(Santiago\)](#):

This bill extends the California College Promise fee waiver by an additional two years for students enrolled full-time in a community college baccalaureate degree program for a total of four years of eligibility.

[Outcome TBD]

Community College Part-time Student Tutors – [AB 2931 \(Fong\)](#):

This bill treats part-time students enrolled in merit districts like their full-time peers and simplifies their hiring process to work as student tutors.

[Outcome TBD]



West LA Mobile Climate Center – [AB 3142 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#):

This bill codifies the existing California Center for Climate Change (Center) at the West Los Angeles College in the Los Angeles Community College District and creates the California Mobile Unit for Climate Change Education to assist the Center in promoting hands-on learning opportunities throughout the region.

[Outcome TBD]

2023

Increased Access to Native Language Instruction
[AB 1096 \(Fong\)](#)

This bill enables community college students to take credit and noncredit courses in their native language without requiring them to concurrently enroll in an ESL course.

Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law on October 8, 2023. Chapter 559, Education Code relating to Education Code, relating to educational instruction.

Increased Community Use and Youth Athletic Access to Community College Facilities
[AB 1151 \(McKinnor\)](#)

This bill requires community college districts to give priority access to their non- instructional facilities to socioeconomically disadvantaged youth athletic and community organizations.

Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law on July 13, 2023. Chapter 66, Education Code relating to Community Colleges.

Increased Funding for LGBTQ+ Student Services

This State Budget Request Funded \$10 million per Year for Three Years for \$30 million to provide wrap-around services, safe spaces, and other supports for LGBTQ+ students.

AB 102 (Ting) Budget Act of 2023. Chapter 38, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

Increased Funding for Community College Student Basic Needs

Budget Request to increase student basic needs funding. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Provided to Basic Needs Categorical Program. The COLA was 8.22%, the same as the COLA for apportionments. This brings the total for basic needs to approximately \$3.3 million statewide.

AB 102 (Ting) Budget Act of 2023. Chapter 38, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

Establishment of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center

State Budget Request for \$2.5 million one-time funding to establish the LACCD Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center at East Los Angeles College.

AB 102 (Ting) Budget Act of 2023. Chapter 38, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution

2022

Establishment of the Los Angeles Community College District: California Center for Climate Change Education - [AB 1913 \(Bryan\)](#)

This bill establishes the LACCD California Center for Climate Change Education Center at West Los Angeles College with a \$5 million appropriation.

Bill passed and absorbed into the California State Budget (AB 1913) with a \$5 million allocation for West Los Angeles College. District Specific Request. AB 183 (Committee on the Budget) 2022. Chapter 54, of 2022.

Requires a Funding Analysis for Community College Instructional Service Agreements with Public Safety Agencies - [AB 1942 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

The bill requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office to issue a recommendation to the Department of Finance and the Legislature on the instructional service agreement full-time equivalent student apportionment.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. Chapter 930, Statutes of 2022.

Expanding Access to California College Promise Program for Community College Returning Students - [AB 2266 \(Santiago\)](#)

This bill expands the California College Promise Program fee waiver to full-time returning students attending community colleges.

The bill passed with a statewide \$25 million allocation and was absorbed into the California State Budget (AB 2266). Statewide Budget Request. AB 183 (Committee on the Budget) 2022. Chapter 54, of 2022.

Establishment of the Community College Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program - [AB 2425 \(Bryan\)](#)

This bill establishes the Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program in the California Community Colleges Statewide.

The bill passed with a statewide \$30 million allocation and was absorbed into the California State Budget (AB 2425). Statewide Budget Request. AB 183 (Committee on the Budget) 2022. Chapter 54, of 2022.

Funding for the East Los Angeles College Vincent Price Art Museum Collection: The State Budget requests funds for the establishment of the ELAC Digitization Initiative for \$1 million:

AB 183 (Committee on the Budget) 2022 passed with a budget allocation of \$1 million. Chapter 54, of 2022.

Funding for the Establishment of the Biotechnology Program:

The State Budget request funds and establishes the Los Angeles Mission College Biotechnology Program for \$10 million.

AB 183 (Committee on the Budget) 2022 passed with a Los Angeles Mission College budget allocation of \$10 million. Chapter 54, of 2022.



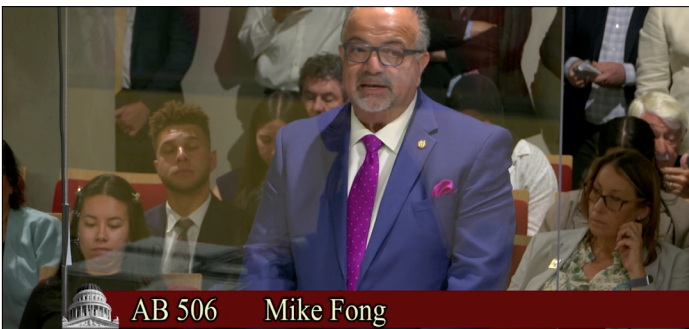
2021



Requires Community College Students to Complete One Ethnic Studies Course - [AB 1040 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Requires community college to complete at minimum one three-unit course in ethnic studies as a requirement to obtain an Associate degree.

The bill was held in the Senate Education Committee; however, the bill resulted in a BOG Title V regulatory change related to Ethnic Studies.



Increases Flexibility for Community College Human Resources - [AB 1383 \(Carrillo\)](#)

This bill makes technical changes to allow community colleges more time to complete their investigation of an academic employee accused of misconduct.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 28, 2021. Chapter 29, Statutes of 2021.



Establishes the Los Angeles Community College District Affordable Housing Pilot Program - [SB 330 \(Durazo\)](#)

This bill provides flexibility to community colleges and districts wishing to enter into joint occupancy agreements with a private party to develop and operate affordable housing for students and employees.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on October 6, 2021. Chapter 572, Statutes of 2021.



Increases Funding for Student Basic Needs:

Increases funding for community college students' basic needs, including food, housing, transportation, childcare, etc.

Budget Item funds \$30 million ongoing, and \$100 million in 2021-22 one-time allocation. Statewide Budget Request. SB 129 (Skinner) Budget Act of 2021. Chapter 69, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.



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2021



Increases Funding for Student Housing and Basic Needs:

This budget request funds Student Transitional Housing and enables community colleges to partner with local agencies and nonprofits to provide transitional housing for homeless students.

Budget Item funds \$100 million statewide for student basic needs, including housing. An additional \$1 million is ongoing. AB 132 (Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2021. Chapter 144, Statutes of 2021.

Increases Funding for Umoja Program:

Increases funding for community college African-American student outreach, enrollment, and retention.

Budget Item funds Umoja programs at \$4.9 million ongoing. In 2022, an additional \$1 million is ongoing. Statewide Budget Request. SB 129 (Skinner) Budget Act of 2021. Chapter 69, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

Increases Funding for LGBTQ+ Students

This one-time budget request of \$10 million provides additional funding to colleges to establish a Pilot Program to provide services to LGBTQ students.

Budget Item funds \$10 million Statewide – one-time grant. Statewide Budget Request. AB 132 (Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2021. Chapter 144, Statutes of 2021.

Increases Funding for AB 1460, the CSU Ethnic Studies Bill

Budget Item funds \$5 million, one-time funding for teacher training. Statewide Budget Request. SB 129 (Skinner) Budget Act of 2021. Chapter 69, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

2020

(*LACCD planned a robust legislative and budgetary agenda in 2020; most 2020 legislative proposals were halted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic).

Increases Funding for Student Basic Needs

LACCD Supported. State-allocated community colleges block grants for all COVID-related expenses.

AB 89 (Ting) Budget Act of 2020. Chapter 7, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

2019

Establishes the Community Colleges California College Promise Program | [AB 2 \(Santiago\)](#)

This bill provides tuition-free education at the Community Colleges for a 2nd year for all first-time, full-time (12 units or more) students.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on October 4, 2019. Chapter 509, Statutes of 2019.

Increases funding for LACCD's Dream Resource Centers and LGBTQ Students

This proposal provides additional funding to the LACCD's Dream Resource Centers to support undocumented students and LGBTQ students.

\$3.9 Million was allocated in The Budget Act for Student Basic Needs. Statewide Budget Request. AB 74 (Ting) Budget Act of 2019. Chapter 23, Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

Establishes the Los Angeles Community College District Best Value Procurement Pilot program | [AB 356 \(Santiago\)](#)

Authorizes the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) to utilize a best value procurement process as a pilot project.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on August 30, 2017. Chapter 173, Statutes of 2019.



2018

Simplifies the CCCApply Application - [AB 3101 \(Carrillo\)](#)

This bill removes unnecessary questions from the California Community College Application making it easier for students to apply.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 19, 2018. Chapter 553, Statutes of 2018.



2017

Establishes the Community Colleges California College Promise Program - [AB 19 \(Santiago\)](#)

This bill establishes the California College Promise Program to provide community college tuition-free education for all first-time, full-time students, regardless of age, race, income, or documented status.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on October 13, 2017. Chapter 735, Statutes of 2017.

2016

Expands the Dual Enrollment Program for undocumented students - [AB 2364 \(Holden\)](#)

This bill authorizes community college districts to waive fees for concurrently enrolled nonresident undocumented students and collect apportionment for them.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 12, 2016. Chapter 299, Statutes of 2017.



2015

Establishes the College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships Program - [AB 288 \(Holden\)](#)

This bill authorizes community college districts to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways partnership with school district governing boards for student dual enrollment purposes.

The bill was passed and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on October 8, 2015. Chapter 618, Statutes of 2015.

We are delighted to announce the release of our latest initiative—a powerful educational advocacy video. This video is a vibrant celebration of the diverse Los Angeles Community College District student body, our state and federal legislative champions, and our key policy achievements. It is a testament to our commitment to inspire progressive change, increase access to high-quality post-secondary education, and ignite a passion for learning across our communities.





ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 210,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has provided an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions.

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