



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear LACCD Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I hope this email finds you all well after the holidays.

On January 10, Governor Gavin Newsom released the [California FY2024-25 Budget](#) as the State Constitution requires. The proposed Budget outlines the Administration's priorities for the coming fiscal year and begins the legislative conversation for resource allocation across various sectors, including education.

The Assembly and Senate Legislative Budget Committees will now hold a series of hearings in the Spring, and we will have a better sense of what the final Budget will look like after the April 15 income tax filing deadline with the Governor's Budget May Revise proposal. The LACCD advocacy team will continue to monitor developments and advocate to ensure the best possible outcomes for the community college system and LACCD institutions.

In summary, the Governor's FY 2024-25 Budget proposal projects a roughly \$38 billion revenue shortfall, less than the projected \$68 billion shortfall by the State Legislative Analyst Office (LAO). The total State Budget is projected to be \$291.5 billion, six percent lower than last year. Despite this reduction, we were pleased that there are no significant core reductions for community college programs and services; in fact, the proposed budget provides increases in a couple of areas. This signals a recognition of the vital role that community colleges play in shaping the future of our State by providing high-quality, accessible, and affordable education.

The following are some key highlights from the FY 2024-25 Budget Proposal:

- Increase of \$60 million to address the state's nursing shortage by expanding community college nursing programs to develop, educate, and maintain the next generation of registered nurses.
- Increase of 0.76% cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) or \$69.1 million for apportionments, which means about \$9.3 million for COLAs and adjustments to certain categorical programs.
- Allocates \$29.6 million for a projected 0.5% community college enrollment growth.
- Maintains California Community College programs and services by drawing down funds from the State's "Rainy-Day Funds" and canceling some one-time projects and programs that were established but not yet funded.
- Proposes to pursue a trailer bill for a statewide lease revenue bond program for community college housing programs.

I will keep you informed in the coming months as we navigate the uncertainty of the state's economic revenue outlook. I encourage you to stay informed about the legislative and budgetary developments and to actively engage in conversations within our LACCD community. You are invited to attend the LACCD Board Legislative and Public Affairs Committee (LPAC) meetings. The next meeting is on January 24, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

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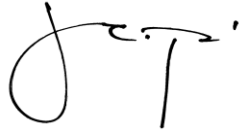
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Thank you for your dedication and unwavering commitment to the success of our students and the mission of the Los Angeles Community College District.

Together, we will continue to build a brighter future for all.

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

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Chancellor