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Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair Senate Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 5019 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Community College Budget Proposal

The Council of Faculty Organizations (CoFO), representing the more than 62,000 faculty in the California Community College (CCC) system, appreciates your ongoing support for our colleges. We are writing to stress the key needs of the community college system and to recommend adjustments to the Governor's initial budget proposal for 2020-21 in the following areas: adding more full-time faculty and better supporting part-time faculty to better enable our students to achieve their educational goals.

In order to make the most of the state's investment and offer the best quality education possible for our students, California community colleges need to increase faculty diversity and add more full-time positions. The \$76 million in ongoing funds that the CCC Board of Governors requested in their Faculty and Staff Diversification Budget Change Proposal is crucial for student success. One-time investments in training simply will not meet the needs.

The \$10 million proposed in the Governor's January budget for part-time office hours would certainly help create more opportunities for students to receive support outside of class from faculty, but this investment needs to be ongoing. Allocating one-time money for this ongoing need will not allow local districts to make lasting improvements.

Research shows conclusively that student access to faculty, whether full-time or part-time, is the single most critical college-controlled factor that ensures student success. Therefore, in order to promote both academic quality and student success, funding for more full-time positions and part-time faculty support should be a budget priority.

Finally, CoFO steadfastly opposes performance-based funding and would encourage the removal of this component from the current funding

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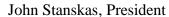
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formula. We further recommend that, rather than take money away from the base allocation of some colleges to augment others, the state should maintain the "hold harmless" provision indefinitely and only fund supplemental allocations with additional funds.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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