

June 3, 2013

The Honorable Mark Leno
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support for the 2013-14 State Budget May Revise Proposal Approved by the Senate related to Adult Education

Dear Senator Leno,

On behalf of the following Community College Districts: Rancho Santiago, North Orange County, San Diego, Pasadena, and Mt. San Antonio College, we would like to express our support of the 2013-14 State Budget May Revise proposal approved by the California State Senate as it relates to Adult Education. The Senate's action approves the Governor's proposal as put forth in the May Revise, but allows the fiscal agent to be a K-12 District or Community College District, as decided on by each newly formed Regional Consortium.

Our Districts are among the top ten Community College Adult Education providers in the State and we are committed to providing our communities with the education and skills they need. We believe that the Senate approved version of the adult education proposal will allow our successful programs not only to continue, but to greatly improve the services we offer.

Additionally, we are appreciative of the inclusion of a two-year period in which Community Colleges and K-12 Districts can mobilize their regional consortiums in an effort to identify the needs of the adult education communities they serve. We understand there are current deficiencies and areas of need that are not served through adult education due to the lack of focus and adequate funding, and we believe that this new regional collaboration will greatly improve the range and accessibility of courses available to the community.

We are also supportive of the ability for Community College Districts to continue offering programs funded through the regular apportionment for all nine non-credit categories. Many of our Districts serve significant student populations within each of these categories, and this proposal allows our Districts to continue serving those needs.

Our Districts look forward to serving as statewide leaders in assisting other Community Colleges as they establish the necessary infrastructure with K-12 school districts to provide the noncredit community with the education services they need and deserve. We want to work closely with

the State Chancellor's Office, the California Department of Education, community members and other key stakeholders over the next two years to ensure the vision of an integrated and partner driven adult education system is achieved.

We appreciate your dedication to providing an efficient and effective adult education system and urge you to approve the Senate version of the 2013-14 State Budget as it relates to Adult Education.

Sincerely,



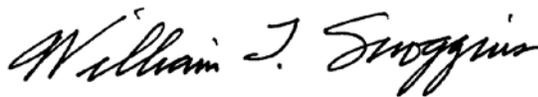
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