

**Wheelhouse Trustee Survey**  
**4/26/2017**

I'm writing to ask for your help in encouraging participation in an important new [statewide survey](#) of California Community College trustees. The survey is administered by the **Wheelhouse: The Center for Community College Leadership and Research**, for which I am an advisory board member, and in partnership with the Community College League of California. It would be extremely helpful if you could encourage your Trustees, who have not already participated, to ensure that their voice is heard. It takes just 15 minutes to complete and you can just forward this email to your trustees.

This survey, available [here](#), asks the entire population of the 442 currently serving trustees about CEO expectations, challenges and longevity. Funded with support from the James Irvine Foundation, it is the complement of a 2016 survey of California Community College CEOs and provides a different lens and valuable perspective for our entire system. Results from this survey will be highlighted and disseminated in a research brief disseminated to the field by email, through hard-copy distribution and in select presentations.

**More about Wheelhouse:** You may recall that during my tenure as State Chancellor I worked to establish the **Wheelhouse**. Based at UC Davis, the Center seeks to put understandable, relevant, actionable research into the hands of actors in the system who can use it. Launched in the spring of 2016 and housed at the UC Davis School of Education, **Wheelhouse** was born of system-wide concern about the high rate of turnover among campus and district CEOs, the quality of the pipeline of future leaders, and a desire to put actionable information into the hands of decision makers at all levels of a complex system.

Again, the survey can be accessed at [http://ucdavis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_cSeR0SxZXhVq5mZ](http://ucdavis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cSeR0SxZXhVq5mZ). If you have any problems with access, you can contact Elizabeth Friedmann (Wheelhouse Postdoctoral Scholar) at [eazeiger@ucdavis.edu](mailto:eazeiger@ucdavis.edu).

Thank you so much for your support of this effort to better understand the views of our trustees.

Sincerely,

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