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### California Community Colleges to Hold Orange County Town Hall Nov. 8 on Student Success Task Force Draft Recommendations

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Executive Vice Chancellor for Programs [Erik Skinner](#)  
Los Angeles Community College District Interim Vice Chancellor for Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness and task force member [Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye](#)  
Orange Coast College Vice President of Instruction and task force member [Dr. Melinda Nish](#)
  - ❖ **What:** The Orange County Town Hall presentation and panel discussion on the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force draft recommendations. This informational meeting is open to the public and viewable via a live webcast.
  - ❖ **When & Where:** **Town Hall Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Saddleback College, Health Sciences Building**  
Ronald Reagan Board of Trustees Room  
28000 Marguerite Parkway  
Mission Viejo, Calif. 92692
- The town hall can be viewed live and questions submitted at:*  
<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce.aspx>
- ❖ **Why:** For the first time, Orange County residents will have the opportunity to hear about changes to the California Community Colleges that will impact student success across the 112-college system. Public participation and input is encouraged.

Student Success Task Force members Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye and Dr. Melinda Nish, along with California Community Colleges Executive Vice Chancellor for Programs Erik Skinner, will address completion hurdles and discuss draft recommendations designed to help the California Community Colleges improve student achievement. The draft recommendations will be developed into a plan to be considered by the board of governors and subsequently presented to the Legislature no later than March 2012.

California's economy depends on increasing the number of community college students who obtain job training certificates, degrees and transfer to four-year universities. Countless Californians are turning to the community colleges for help at a time when state and federal resources are diminishing. Community colleges must prioritize the types of classes being offered, place an emphasis on increasing student persistence and graduation rates and get creative about helping students reach their educational goals on time.

A California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force was appointed by the board of governors in January 2011 to examine strategies and develop recommendations for promoting student success, including improving the student assessment process, delivering remedial instruction, increasing academic counseling, and using technology to help students reach their goals faster.

- ❖ **MORE:** A copy of California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force draft recommendations can be viewed at –

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce.aspx>

Public input on the draft recommendations is encouraged and can be submitted at –

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce/PublicComments.aspx>

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*The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.*

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