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California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott Reacts to Gov. Brown's Budget Proposal; Support of Tax Initiative is Critical for the Future of Higher Education and the State's Economic Recovery

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott today released the following statement on Gov. Jerry Brown's 2012-13 state budget proposal:

"The November tax initiative is critically important to higher education. A yes vote in November means more than \$200 million will be provided to community colleges and will begin to reverse years of significant cuts to the nation's largest system of higher education. These cuts have resulted in hundreds of thousands of Californians being denied an opportunity to pursue their educational goals.

"I want to thank Gov. Brown for recognizing the value of investing in higher education and the critical role community colleges play in powering the state's economy. His budget proposes a 4 percent annual funding increase to our system beginning in the 2013-14 academic year. This gives our 112 colleges the ability to plan for stable and predictable revenue growth and make budget decisions that benefit all students.

"Another positive aspect of the governor's budget proposal is that there will be no additional fee increases for our students beyond the one scheduled to take place for summer 2012. I look forward to seeing the governor's complete budget proposal. But what I see so far is evidence that he continues to value higher education and believes the people of this great state want to start investing in their economic future once again."

The [California Community Colleges](http://www.cccco.edu) 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, a basic skills education 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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