SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott today issued the following statement on the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 action on higher education funding for 2010-11:

“I applaud members of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 and Speaker John Perez for recognizing the critical and immediate need to protect California’s future by investing in the community colleges and higher education. The Assembly is sending a message about its commitment to revitalizing the economy. The Assembly budget plan wisely invests in job training programs that put people back to work quickly, thus injecting much needed revenue into our state’s tax base. There are many difficult decisions facing state leaders as they work to pass a budget. I remain committed to working closely with the Governor and Legislature to craft solutions to our state’s financial problems and produce a budget that invests in higher education and California’s economic future.”

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.9 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.