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California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott Comments on Governor Schwarzenegger's Revised Budget for 2010-11

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott today issued the following statement on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's revised state budget proposal for 2010-11:

"I applaud Gov. Schwarzenegger for understanding the critical role community colleges play in revitalizing California's economy. By investing in students, he is aiding our fiscal recovery efforts. This is the worst economic situation I have ever seen and there are no easy options left for addressing California's massive budget crisis. I do believe that by investing in the community colleges, the governor and Legislature will get Californians back to work quickly, which will infuse money into our economy and increase our tax revenue base. Also, of critical importance to our students is the governor's proposal to maintain the Competitive Cal Grant program. Because more than 75 percent of these awards are given to community college students, this aid is essential to ensure college access for some of our most vulnerable students," said Chancellor Scott.

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.

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