



California's Public Higher Education Leaders Issue Joint Statement on Governor's Budget

(Jan. 10, 2011) The three leaders of California's public systems of higher education, University of California President Mark Yudof, California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed and the California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott, today released a joint statement in response to Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed 2011-2012 state budget:

"It is clear the governor wants to engage Californians in a full and open discussion about what size of government they are willing to support. As leaders of the state's three public higher education systems, we are eager to participate in that conversation. Given the vast demographic shifts underway in California, now is not the time to shrink public higher education, but to grow it. The road to recovery from this recession and prosperity far beyond it runs straight through our many campuses. These universities are the economic engines of California."

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