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Chief Student
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Association



April 11, 2023

Hon. Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8630



Hon. Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8230

Re: California Community College Student Housing

Dear Senator Skinner and Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the organizations listed below, we urge the Legislature to fully fund the Affordable Housing Grant in the budget year to allow our colleges to address one of the most crucial student needs and resolve one of the biggest barriers to academic success. According to the 2019 report from the UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools, “State of Crisis: Dismantling Student Homelessness in California,” nearly 20 percent of California Community College students are experiencing homelessness. We cannot afford to delay the construction of these critical projects.

Those colleges that received the first round of Affordable Housing Grants are moving quickly on their construction. Lake Tahoe, Compton, and Bakersfield Colleges will break ground either this summer or later this year, and Sierra College will be commencing its project on April 11. Santa Rosa Junior College, moreover, has hired a residence director and intends to move students in prior to the beginning of classes this coming August.

The Chancellor’s Office recently released the list of the 21 colleges to receive funding in the second round of grants, contingent on available resources. Given the rising costs of construction, funding as many of these projects as possible this budget year is absolutely essential for our students, not just for their housing needs but their academic success as well.

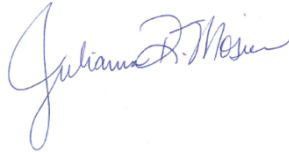
We stand united in this effort and urge your support for our most vulnerable students.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,




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