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**D) Capital outlay projects funded out of Proposition 51 should proceed without delay.** Colleges with approved projects are relying on these funds to not only modernize their facilities but to facilitate learning and student success in an appropriate space. These bond-funded projects which fall outside the General Fund will stimulate economic activity, thus aiding in the recovery throughout the state.

### 3) Flexibility

**A) Honor local decision-making in responding to this crisis.** While all of our districts are confronting the same challenge, they are each responding pursuant to their own needs. We cannot overstate the need for the Legislature and Administration to design a flexible COVID-19 block grant that allows each district to address its colleges' needs in the way that best serves its community. A one-size-fits-all approach would leave many needs unattended, and areas of the state left behind.

As we approach the most challenging task of constructing a budget which reflects our new reality, we urge you to approve a structural reform to student financial aid based on the proposed California Student Aid Commission model. While we recognize that the resources may not be immediately available for this purpose, we cannot ignore the opportunity to modernize our financial aid system with a simplified approach based on students' total cost of attendance. As community colleges, we always prioritize student needs and urge you to follow suit in this year's policymaking.

The League recognizes the dynamic state of affairs and reserves the right to amend this letter as new information becomes available. That said, we are sincerely grateful for your leadership and support of our colleges during these unprecedented times.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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