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Board of Governors  
Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley  
California Community Colleges  
1102 Q Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Members of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor Oakley,

The California EDGE Coalition is pleased to support the strategic vision for the California Community Colleges that is detailed in *Vision for Success*. As a coalition of business, labor, social justice, education and workforce entities focused on middle-skilled jobs, we believe that California's future economic growth and prosperity rests in large measure on the skills of its increasingly diverse workforce. California's community colleges are pivotal to filling this need.

EDGE has been an unwavering advocate for outcome data and common metrics and applaud the setting of system-wide goals for degree, credential and certificate data along with goals for reducing equity gaps, employment in the field of study and more. We believe these data should be used for both internal program improvement and should also be transparent and accessible for students and policymakers. Also, in recent years our coalition has been strong advocates for revamping remedial education in the community colleges. We believe that adult education and basic skills programs are gateways to career and transfer pathways for the majority of community college students so we support the attention in the vision to this critical issue. Finally, as the system implements guided pathways we strongly encourage attention to career pathway development and the creation of stackable credentials.

We look forward to working with Chancellor Oakley and the Board of Governors to support the good work of California's community colleges.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Rona Sherriff and Barbara E. Baran in black ink.

Rona Sherriff and Barbara Baran  
Co-Directors  
California EDGE Coalition