



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

July 12, 2017

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

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

I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, our members and the local business community and we are honored to support the strategic vision for the California Community Colleges that is detailed in *Vision for Success*.

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce has long shared and supported the goal of increasing individual and regional economic competitiveness by providing California's workforce with relevant skills and quality credentials that match employer needs to fuel a strong economy. California's community colleges are pivotal to filling this need.

In order to enhance the California economy and ensure good jobs for its citizens, the state must meet industry needs for a skilled workforce, support small business development, and become increasingly competitive in attracting jobs from other states and around the globe. As the Vision notes, the California Community Colleges are indispensable to California's workforce, economy and overall welfare, and I commend the Chancellor and the Board for seeking to understand what the state needs from this system—the largest system of higher education in the world.

We commend Chancellor Oakley and his team for their bold leadership toward improved community college success. We stand at the ready to support you in this endeavor. Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to work alongside you to ensure this vision comes to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary L. Toebben
President/CEO
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