

July 17, 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 pleased to lend Young Invincibles' support for the report, *Vision for Success*, the strategic vision for the California Community Colleges that the Board will discuss at its July 17 meeting. Young Invincibles' mission is to amplify the voices of young adults in the political process and expand economic opportunity for our generation.

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.

Specifically, Young Invincibles supports the *Vision's* goals to:

- Increase by at least 20 percent the number of CCC students annually who earn degrees, credentials, certificates or specific skill sets to prepare them for an in-demand job;
- Increase by 35 percent the number of CCC students transferring annually to the UC or CSU;
- Increase the percentage of CTE students who report being employed in their field of study from 60 to 69 percent;
- Reduce equity gaps across all of the above-noted measures among traditionally underrepresented student groups by 40 percent within five years with the gaps being fully closed in ten years;
- Reduce regional achievement gaps across all of the above-noted measures with the goal of fully closing regional achievement gaps in ten years.

Californians care deeply about the future of their community colleges, and the goals and principles recommended in the vision are an important commitment to our State, its residents and to our collective future.

Sincerely,



Gustavo Herrera