



THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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May 14, 2021

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Dear CSU Trustees, Presidents and Vice Chancellors:

DOMINGUEZ HILLS

Governor Newsom has announced the May Revision of his 2021-22 state budget proposal and the news is extremely positive. The Revision includes:

EAST BAY

- A \$74.4 million increase in recurring funds for general operating costs. This is over and above the \$111.5 million proposed in January. The \$185.9 million total increase in recurring funds represents a five-percent increase to our operating budget.

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HUMBOLDT

- An affirmation of the administration's continued commitment to [the February agreement reached with Pro Tem Atkins and Speaker Rendon](#) to fully restore \$299 million in cuts to the 2020-21 base budget. Of course, this agreement must still be codified into the final budget agreement in June.

LONG BEACH

LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

- \$150 million in one-time federal funds for deferred maintenance, infrastructure and energy efficiency projects. This in addition to the \$175 million in one-time state funds proposed in January for a total of \$325 million for these projects.

MONTEREY BAY

NORTHRIDGE

- A \$433 million one-time increase to convert Humboldt State University to California's third polytechnic higher-education institution. (Board action on this proposal will occur at a future meeting.) Also, the Revision includes \$25 million in recurring funds for additional operating costs associated with Humboldt operating as a polytechnic.

POMONA

SACRAMENTO

SAN BERNARDINO

- A \$25 million one-time increase for a national Hispanic-Serving Institution "Equity Innovation Hub" at CSUN to help prepare students – especially historically underrepresented students – for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

SAN DIEGO

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSÉ

I am very pleased with the announcement, and grateful and appreciative of the Governor's significant and forward-thinking reinvestment in the CSU. With the full restoration of cuts and the increases to recurring funds outlined above, the vast majority of our budget ask will be funded, allowing the CSU to fully fund most of the Board's budget priorities, including GI 2025 and our efforts to completely and permanently eliminate equity gaps. The significant support of Humboldt State and CSUN's Equity Innovation Hub bear special mention and gratitude, and are

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reflective of the state's broader needs for equitable workforce development, specialized academic programming and research in the STEM fields – statewide priorities that are aligned with our own.

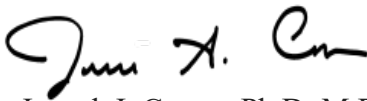
While the \$325 million in one-time funds represents a positive and appreciated start to addressing the CSU's facilities and infrastructure needs, it is nevertheless far short of our \$1.2 billion request. Given the state's current financial position, we will continue to advocate aggressively for additional funds so that we can do more to make our campus buildings safer, more seismically sound and more energy efficient, while providing our students with the learning and discovery experience they need and deserve – all while stimulating the economy and providing much-needed jobs.

The May Revision also contains proposals likely to have a positive, but indirect impact to the CSU, including but not limited to items related to affordable student housing, teacher preparation, and the education and training of underrepresented students and displaced workers. Steve Relyea, Ryan Storm and their team will be carefully reviewing these and all other details and context of revised proposal and will present a detailed report next Tuesday at our Board of Trustees meeting.

I want to thank Steve and Ryan as well as Larry Salinas, Nichole Muñoz-Murillo and Jai Sookprasert for their excellent collaborative efforts. I am also grateful to the Academic Senate, the California State Student Association and our labor unions for participating in our joint advocacy efforts. And, last but certainly not least, thank you for your personal and collaborative advocacy efforts with our colleagues, alumni and friends. We are a strong team!

Please feel free to contact Steve or me with questions you may have about this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe I. Castro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

Joseph I. Castro, Ph.D. M.P.P.  
Chancellor