



## **Community college funding on February state ballot**

Surveys show Californians recognize that proper funding for public colleges and universities is essential to maintaining educational quality and opportunity. However, there are many views about the best way to achieve that goal, given the state's limited budget resources.

Prop. 92 would guarantee the state's community colleges more than 10% of Prop. 98 educational funding and lower their students' fees. Prop. 92 would require the state to spend more for K-14 education than under current law – nearly \$1 billion over the next three years.

The University of California Board of Regents and the California State University Trustees have both voted to oppose Prop. 92. While opposing the measure, the UC Regents expressed strong support for the University's vital partnerships with the two-year colleges. In fact, nearly a third of UC's undergraduate students transfer from community colleges.

Supporters of Prop. 92 argue that it would guarantee needed funding for the state's community colleges, which is the largest system of higher education in the world. It would set a predictable, stable and affordable student fee structure and change college governance policies for the better, they believe. Supporters include the Community College League of California, the California Federation of Teachers, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, the California School Employees Association and the California Community College Association.

Prop. 92 opponents include the UC Board of Regents, the CSU Board of Trustees, the California Teachers Association, the League of Women Voters of California, the California Chamber of Commerce, the California Business Roundtable, the California Taxpayers Association and the California Faculty Association. Some opponents argue that Prop. 92 would 'lock up' an ever-greater amount of the state's General Fund without creating any new revenue sources; require more state funding for one segment of higher education without regard to the needs of all of higher education; and restrict the ability of the Legislature and the Governor to set spending priorities in the annual budget process.

For more information on Prop. 92, including the Regents' resolution and the full text of ballot arguments: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/prop92](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/prop92)