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CC: California Community College Board of Governors

President and members of the Board of Governors,
The Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) would like to commend the Board of Governors, the Chancellor and his staff, and the members of the Task Force on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy for their work to encourage the community college systems to help meet the needs of the 21st century workforce.

SEIU-UHW strongly support all 25 of the Taskforce's recommendation to the Board of Governors, and urges the Board to adopt and implement the recommendations. We believe that the recommendations of this taskforce will help the working people of California to stay relevant in the 21st-century economy and find pathways to good middle-class jobs.

We wanted to specifically highlight a few recommendations that we feel are vital to the continued success of the community college system as a premiere workforce training institution.

- 7. Evaluate, strengthen, and revise the curriculum development process to ensure alignment from education to employment.** When students exit their education programs they need leave with the skills and credentials to gain entry to the workforce and they can only do that with a curriculum that keeps up with the rapidly changing demands of the workforce.

- 19. Develop regional leadership and operational partnerships among community college, industry, labor and other workforce and economic development entities to improve the delivery of all CTE Efforts.** Partnerships with industry (both employers and labor) ensures that students gain in-demand skills and credentials and that programs are meeting the workforce demands of industry.

- 22. Establish a sustained, funding source to increase community colleges' capacity to create, adapt, and maintain quality CTE courses and programs that are responsive to regional labor market needs.** A sustain funding source is vial to industry participation and student success in CTE programs. When programs are drastically reduced the effort and reasources invested in establishing them and the relationships created because of that are lost and difficult to replicate.

In total, the work of the task force should be commended and provides a base to realign the community college system to be more relevant to the workers in the 21st-century economy.



Now it is up to the leadership of the Board of Governors, local trustees and executives to continue this work that is viatally important to the overall objective of helping students and the workforce succeed in California. The members of SEIU-UHW thank you for this opportunity to provide comment and would like to continue to support the effort.

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