



# UPDATE

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## Want to Earn Millions of Dollars for SRJC? Get Involved with the Community College Initiative

### Five-Year Impact of the Community College Initiative on SRJC Funding

	State Funding under Current Law	State Funding under CC Initiative	Net Increase
2008-09	\$112,710,911	\$115,718,501	\$3,007,590
2009-10	\$118,419,953	\$125,651,835	\$7,231,882
2010-11	\$124,306,045	\$135,309,891	\$11,003,846
2011-12	\$130,491,622	\$145,439,450	\$14,947,828
2012-13	\$137,124,474	\$156,865,452	\$19,740,978
Total Net Increase in State Funding Over 5 Years:			\$55,932,124

**Everyone's help is urgently needed to raise \$1.5 million and gather one million signatures needed by the January 22, 2007 deadline to qualify this initiative for the June 2008 ballot.**

SRJC's share of the costs and signatures is shown below, along with progress made toward these goals.

Fundraising Status		Signature Status	
Fundraising goal:	\$42,000	Signature goal:	7,884
Raised to date:	\$21,500	Gathered to date:	100
Percent of Goal:	51%	Percent of Goal:	1.3%

As you can see, SRJC is falling far short of these goals. It would make a BIG difference even if you could only gather the registered voter signatures of your family, friends and neighbors — and send a contribution of \$50, or more, to the statewide campaign. To date, AFA has contributed \$2,100 and plans to contribute another \$2,000. The statewide campaign is still \$555,000 short, however, even though they have already raised over \$945,000.

### Here's How You Can Get Involved

1. Read the *Volunteer Petition Circulator Instructions* (see attached).
2. Complete the *Volunteer Petition Circulator Acknowledgment Form* at the bottom of the *Instructions*.
3. Gather as many as six signatures of registered voters from the same county on the attached petition.
4. Complete the *Declaration of Circulator* at the bottom of the petition.
5. Call the AFA office at ext. 4731 for pickup or hand deliver your completed petitions to any AFA Council member or the AFA Office. (Please do NOT use the District mail system for this purpose.) You may also mail your completed petitions to:

Community College Petition  
Arno Political Consultants  
3235 Sunrise Blvd., Suite One  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

(Please contact AFA at ext. 4731 or [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu) to let us know the number of signatures that you submitted. We're keeping track of signatures gathered in Sonoma County.)

6. Donate to the statewide campaign. Call the AFA office at ext. 4731 for pickup or hand deliver to any Council member or the AFA office. You may also mail your contribution directly to:

Californians for Improving Community  
Colleges  
c/o Rix-Bradford Consultants  
512 N Larchmont Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90004  
FPPC ID 1282453

(Please contact AFA at ext. 4731 or [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu) to let us know the amount of your contribution. We are also keeping track of donations from SRJC to the statewide campaign.)

# Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization and Student Fee Reduction Initiative

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The Community College Initiative is carefully written to ensure that community colleges are provided the funding needed to meet student enrollment demand over time, without cutting K-12 schools and without raising taxes. The impact of fixing the broken “Proposition 98 Guarantee,” is significant, however, and will provide significantly more funding for community colleges than they would receive under current law.

## **The Community College Initiative:**

### **Allows community college funding to increase with the growing student population without hurting K-12 schools.**

- Calculates the minimum community college funding guarantee based on community college growth.
- Avoids an artificial funding cap that will be imposed on community colleges over the next ten years because of declining K-12 enrollment.
- Ends the zero-sum game “Proposition 98 split,” which forces community colleges to advocate shifting money from K-12 schools.
- Ensures that promises made by the Legislature are promises kept with a property tax guarantee.
- Funds the increase to community colleges over the next ten years through natural growth in the state’s general fund, and does not raise taxes.

### **Provides for stable and predictable student fees.**

- Cuts fees to \$15 to bring them in line with personal income.
- Prohibits the Legislature from increasing fees in the future by more than the change in per capita personal income.
- Eliminates possibility of mid-semester fee increases, and gives students at least 60 days notice before any fee increase.
- Ensures that fee revenue stays with the community colleges for the improvement of education, instead of being diverted to other state programs.

### **Enhances state leadership and secures local governance of the state-local community college partnership.**

- Allows the Board of Governors and Chancellor to hire the senior staff professionals currently appointed by the governor. This is the same authority provided to the UC President and CSU Chancellor.
- Includes in the state constitution provisions for locally elected governing boards accountable to voters and for a statewide chancellor hired by a board appointed by the governor.