

INITIATIVE INFORMATION!

- A proposed ballot initiative officially known as the **COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE, FUNDING STABILIZATION, AND STUDENT FEE REDUCTION ACT** has been filed with the Attorney General's office.
(<http://www.caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/pdf/o6-0030.pdf>)
- A six-month campaign to gather 600,000 qualified signatures will begin after Labor Day of 2006 in order to place the initiative before the voters on a ballot in the first general election following this November.
- **THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE, FUNDING STABILIZATION, AND STUDENT FEE REDUCTION ACT PROVIDES FOR THREE LONG-DESIRED OUTCOMES.**

First, the proposed initiative will move toward restoring California's historical and current public policy promise made to all of its citizens for open access to an affordable quality post secondary education by reducing the community college student fee (tax) rate to \$15 per credit unit while also restricting the amount and probability of any future fee increases.

Next, by creating a separate funding stream within the existing Proposition 98 formula tied to community college enrollment, the initiative will also strengthen California's economy by assuring that local community colleges have the predictable and stable funding necessary for local workforce training and development through career focused transfer, vocational, and technical education programs.

Finally, the initiative provides for constitutional recognition of an independent public postsecondary education system of local community college districts as part of the Public School System while protecting the governance functions of local Community College Districts and their locally elected boards.
- The proposed Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act was created by the Californians for Community Colleges, a coalition of organizations representing community college faculty, classified staff, chief executive officers, and trustees. The initiative is supported by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, the Association of California Community College Administrators, the Los Rios Supervisors Association, and the Los Rios College Federation of Teachers among others.
- Additional information can be found at www.faccc.org.

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