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The League sent out the following press release this morning recognizing the student march and rally in Sacramento:

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE COMMENTS ON STUDENT RALLY

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, thousands of students, faculty and supporters from California’s colleges and universities are expected to descend on Sacramento to remind Californians of the importance of maintaining the state’s investment in higher education.

“With Friday’s report by the Legislative Analyst that revenues are down \$8 billion from last month’s projections, the Legislature and governor will be making difficult decisions over the next several months,” said Scott Lay, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community College League of California. “There is no better testimony to the need to maintain investment in higher education than the faces of our students, and they are bringing an important voice to Sacramento.”

“Despite the difficult budget outlook, community colleges are fortunate to have true champions for us in Sacramento, including community college alumnus Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders from both parties,” Lay continued. “We will continue to work closely with these leaders to ensure that our students continue to have access to an affordable quality higher education.”

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The Community College League of California is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose voluntary membership consists of the 72 local community college districts in California. The League promotes student access and success by strengthening colleges through leadership development, advocacy, policy development and district services.

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While we are fortunate to have strong support among legislators and the governor, events like these are important to ensure that the gravity of decisions made in Sacramento is known by the broader public and we congratulate our student leaders for their efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Lay".

Scott Lay
President and Chief Executive Officer