Legislative and Advocacy Efforts

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What We Do

Promote and advance district and colleges
- Set priorities annually
- Build relationships - stakeholders
- High level of communication
- Conduct visits - local, state, federal

Monitor legislation
- State bills - high volume (Jan-Sep)
- Federal bills, policy initiatives

Advocacy - legislation, grants, initiatives and policy
- State - mostly legislation; some grants
- Federal - mostly grants; some legislation
State Overview
Who We Are

- South Orange County CCD’s “Eyes, Ears and Voice” in and around the Capitol
- Every session thousands of bills are introduced
- California community colleges are the most highly regulated system in the country
Budget Process

- Department of Finance
- Legislature
- Governor
Legislative Process

1. Legislature (Policy)
2. Legislature (Fiscal)
3. Second House (Fiscal & Policy)
4. Governor
Focus on South Orange County CCD

- Basic Aid
- District Goals and Directions
- Student Success Suite, Career Pathways Grant
- Budget Language on Nursing
This Year’s Success - Budget

• $100 million in Student Success and Support Program

• $85 million in Student Equity Funds

• $148 million in Deferred Maintenance/Instructional equipment

• $60 million in Basic Skills Funding

• $500 million Adult Education ($2.15 million after MOE)

• Budget Language on Veterans

• Increase in Cal B Grant Funds
This Year’s Success - Legislation

- AB 288 (Holden) – Dual Enrollment
- AB 653 (Levine) – Procurement
- SB 963 (Bonilla) – CalSTRS Retirement Credit
- SB 456 (Block) – Threat to discharge firearm
- SB 707 (Wolk) – Carrying concealed firearm
Next Year’s Themes

- Accreditation – Legislation & BOG
- Student Success – Focus on Pathways and Basic Skills
- CTE & Workforce
- Campus Safety
- Accountability
- Part-Time Faculty
Facilities Bond Measure

- $9 Billion General Obligation Bond
- Qualified as K-14 Statewide Ballot Measure – November 2016
- $2 Billion for CA Community Colleges facilities
- Administration Opposed
Federal Overview
Who We Are

Active voice and advocate for District
- Congress, Agencies, Administration

Grants
- Research programs
- Understand requirements
- Build relationships
- Position colleges
- Congressional support

Legislation
- Examine, track, recommend positions, draft letters

SOCCCD as a resource to federal decision makers
Strategic Success

**Grants**
- Saddleback College: $2.75 million TAACCCTDOL
- Irvine Valley College: $1.5 million AANAPISI DOE

**Legislation**
- In-state tuition for veterans
- Year-round PELL
Looking Ahead

**Presidential election**

**Changes in Congress**

**Focus in DC**
- Affordability, College completion, Higher Education Reauthorization, Accountability/Innovation

**Targeting funding opportunities**
- ATEP programs, Health Sciences, STEM, Student Veterans

**Marathon, not a sprint!**
Outcomes

Legislation
• Student success and completion, student veterans, campus safety, financial aid, streamlining business processes

Relationships
• Legislators
• Committees (Education, Appropriations, Veterans Affairs)
• Agencies (Finance, Labor, Education, Energy, National Science Fdn.)

Grants Advocacy
• State - Career Pathways ($15m to region)
• Dept. of Labor/TAACCCT – $2.75m (SC)
• Dept. of Ed/AANAPISI – $1.5m (IVC)
• Vet Success on Campus – VA-funded employee (SC/IVC)
“The difference between try and triumph is a little umph.”
- Marvin Phillips