



April 19, 2018
GM 18-091

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
Chair, Assembly Budget Education Committee #2
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for **Governor Brown's 115th community college** – a fully online campus

Dear Chairman McCarty:

SMUD strongly supports the 2018/19 budget request for Governor Brown's 115th community college – a fully online campus.

Data shows there are 2.5 million of California's workforce that did not pursue any further education or training after high school. This program will not offer degrees rather deliver skills that millions of working adults need to advance their careers through more training, certificates and even credentials.

The program will offer flexible and affordable online classes but with hands-on training as needed and in partnership with local employers. SMUD has consistently supported efforts that ensure our workforce can advance as well as working with students to prepare them to be assets for employers such as SMUD. Our success depends on the workforce of tomorrow.

For these reasons, we encourage you to support the 115th community college program so that more workers can access the opportunity to improve their economic futures.

Should you have questions, I am available at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arlen Orchard", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Arlen Orchard
Chief Executive Officer & General Manager

cc: Members, Assembly Budget Education Committee #2
SMUD Assembly Legislative Delegation

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