

**San Bernardino Community College District  
District Strategic Planning Committee  
Strategic Issues Subcommittee Report**

*Subcommittee Members:* Bruce and Renee

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*Subcommittee Topics*

1. State budget issues
2. Opportunities, constraints, and anticipated changes in law and regulation
3. Capital improvement funding

*Highlights*

1. Continuing economic slump and large budget shortfalls at state level provide uncertain fiscal environment.
2. Declining property values erode tax base resulting in possible state funding gap and inability to sell full value of Measure M construction bonds.
3. Governor proposes suspension of competitive CalGrant awards program for 2010-11.
4. Health care costs continue to rise by double digits.
5. State budget has resulted in limited state revenue bond resources to match local bond dollars for construction projects.
6. Major reductions to categorical programs will be compounded by loss of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding in 2010-11.
7. Proposed funding for workforce development leading to jobs.
8. Obama Administration proposed the *American Graduation Initiative* (AGI), pending in Congress (H.R. 3221).
9. Other important federal legislation: H.R. 4196, *The Community College Emergency Fund Stabilization Act* and H.R. 2847, *The Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010* can provide additional support for community colleges.

*Most Important Implications*

1. Continued inability to serve all who want to take classes under current model. Over 1,500 unfunded FTES and demand is increasing.
2. Possible state funding shortfall due to inability to backfill property taxes.
3. Possible that District will not be able to implement facilities master plan over ten years, due to inability to sell full value of Measure M bonds, due to declining property values.
4. Out-of-pocket health care costs for employees jumped this year and cost-containment is difficult with rising health care premiums, which erode salary dollars.
5. We may not receive the leverage of matching state funds for capital projects, requiring faster spending of General Bond, Measure M dollars, with less projects completing.
6. \$1 million minimum funding needed to maintain 2008-09 level of support services in categorical programs.
7. Need to continually step-up competitive grant writing to obtain workforce development funding to provide alternative instructional experiences for job training and careers.
- 8-9. The District needs to become more politically aware and participate in lobbying efforts to support legislation that could have a positive impact on community colleges.