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**JOHN CHIANG'S HIGHER EDUCATION PLAN TO
DRAMATICALLY CUT COLLEGE TUITION
BY NEARLY HALF**

*Road Map Calls to Roll Back Undergraduate
Tuition and Fees at UC & CSU to 2009 Levels for In-State Residents*

Plan Also Calls for Two Free Years of Community College

LOS ANGELES, CA – John Chiang's campaign for governor today released the California Road Map for Affordable and Accessible Higher Education, which, among other things, calls for sweeping and dramatic cuts to the burdensome cost of higher education in California by cutting University of California (UC) undergraduate tuition and fees and California State University (CSU) undergraduate tuition by nearly half over the next decade for in-state residents. The plan also calls for all Californians to have access to two free years of community college, and prioritizes Californians in the enrollment process for public colleges and universities.

“Education is the key to the American Dream — it’s why my parents came to this country and started over, and why I am able to run for governor today,” said Chiang. “California’s Master Plan for Higher Education was originally created to ensure our education system remains ‘accessible, affordable, high-quality and accountable.’ But with the tripling of undergraduate tuition in recent decades that Master Plan is no longer a reality for far too many California families. The Road Map I’ve laid out is bold, ambitious, and will finally make California’s higher education system affordable once again by cutting state tuition by nearly half.”

Chiang released the Road Map today [following his impassioned plea less than two weeks to the UC Board of Regents](#), where he urged the Board to suspend any tuition or fee increases effective immediately. Before the meeting, [Chiang sent personalized letters to each Regent](#), which are available by request.

One of the boldest proposals in Chiang’s Road Map includes a roll back of tuition and fees for in-state, full-time, undergraduate students at all University of California and California State University institutions to their pre-2009 levels by 2028. Currently, undergraduate UC students are responsible for a [\\$1,128.00 registration fee annually and an \\$11,502 tuition/educational fee annually](#), or a total of \$12,630 each year. Chiang’s plan would [reduce the registration fee for UC undergraduates to \\$864.00 annually and the tuition/educational fee to \\$6,262.00 annually](#), or a total of \$7,126.00. That \$5,504 drop in tuition and fees represents a 44 percent reduction annually for full-time undergraduates that live in-state.

CSU students would fair just as well, with their tuition dropping from [\\$5,742 per academic year for undergraduate students enrolling in more than six units per term](#) to [\\$3,048 for full-time undergraduate students](#). That \$2,694.00 drop in

tuition represents a 47 percent reduction for full-time undergraduate students that live in-state.

Chiang added, “Not only will we cut UC and CSU tuitions by almost half and return California to its community college roots, but we’ll prioritize Californians first so that every student raised here has the ability to succeed and reach the American Dream.”

The California Road Map for Affordable and Accessible Higher Education renews California’s promise to higher education students and restores the original goals of the Master Plan for Higher Education by:

- Delaying any consideration of tuition or fee increases until 2019 for the UC and CSU higher education systems, and reverses tuition and fee costs to their pre-2009 levels by 2028.
- Making community college free for two years for all California students.
- Ensuring Californians are the first priority when it comes to enrollment at public colleges and universities.
- Incentivizing families to establish a college savings account for every child by enacting refundable tax credits.
- Relieving student debt by helping students refinance their loans.
- Significantly increasing the state’s investment in higher education, as well maximizing revenue through additional entrepreneurial ventures, including through the UC system’s patents.
- Demanding real accountability from the CSU Board of Trustees and the UC Board of Regents through auditing and improved results, including time to degree, responding to the needs of increasingly diverse student bodies, lowering student debt, and addressing the projected gap between future workforce needs and the number of expected graduates.

The full Road Map is available [here](#).

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