

# Proposition 92

*Community Colleges. Funding. Governance. Fees.  
Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.*

*“Establishes in state constitution a system of independent  
public community college districts and Board of Governors...*

*Requires minimum levels of state funding...*

*Sets fees at \$15; limits fee increases.”*

*(from the Official Title and Summary)*



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# The Initiative Process

## California Direct Initiative Process

- 1) statute revision (5%)
- 2) constitutional amendment (8%)

## Random Sample vs Full Check



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- Provides fee stability.
- Funds enrollment.
- Provides independence from politics.

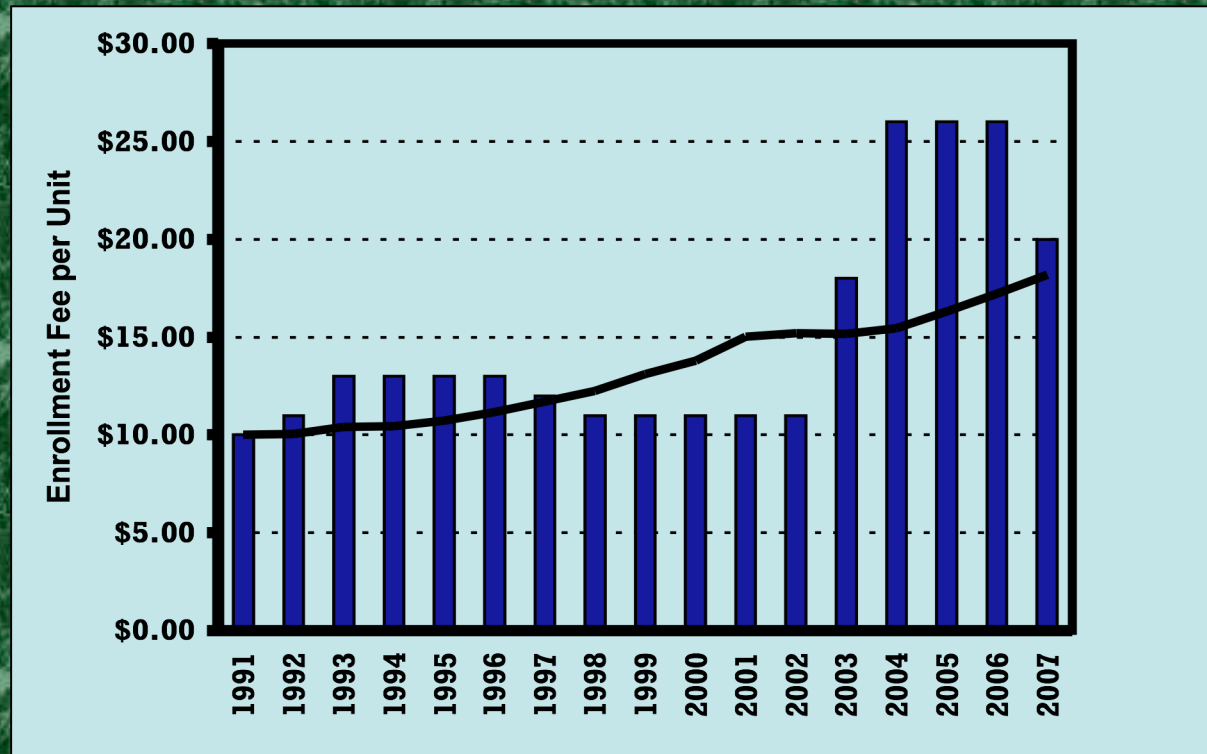


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# *Prop. 92 Lowers Student Fees*

The Problem: Fees increase faster than income.



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## The Problem: Unpredictable student fees.

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- When fees went up in 2003 and 2004, 305,000 students didn't enroll.
- When fees go up, the revenue benefits state government, not the colleges and students.
- Fee increases are essentially a tax on students imposed at times when students can least afford them.



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# *Prop. 92 Lowers Student Fees*

## The Solution: Fee Predictability

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- Lowers fees to \$15 per unit.
- Prohibits fee increases greater than the change in personal income.
- Requires a 2/3 separate vote of the Legislature.
- Ensures that fee revenue benefits students, not state government.



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# *Prop. 92 Protects Student Access*

## The Problem

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- Community college funding is currently tied to K-12 enrollment growth.
- Three year average expected growth:
  - K-12: -0.43%
  - CCC: 2.43%
- Without changing Proposition 98, students will be turned away.



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# *Prop. 92 Protects Student Access*

## The Solution: Fund enrollment.

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- Creates two separate Prop. 98 pots.
- Each would grow based on inflation and the segment's enrollment growth.
- Funds 100,000 more full-time equivalent students by 2009-10.



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# *Prop. 92 Protects Student Access*

## The Solution:

### Prop. 92 funds enrollment.

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- Ensures that community colleges are not shortchanged through overestimated property taxes.
- Does not hurt K-12.
- Does not raise taxes.



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## *Prop. 92 Provides Independence from Politics*

The Problem: State politics interferes with student access.

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- State vice chancellors are currently political appointees of the governor.
- The Department of Finance can veto regulations adopted by our Board of Governors.
- Some in Sacramento propose eliminating local boards.



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# *Prop. 92 Provides Independence from Politics*

## The Solution: Political independence

- Doubles student votes on the state Board.
- Writes local boards into the Constitution.
- Protects local control.
- Allows state Chancellor to hire Vice Chancellors.



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# The Community College Initiative

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