



CEO Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce
Real Solutions to Real Challenges
Historical Timeline and Achievements

1. In spring 2018, the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) Chief Executive Officers established the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce to provide system-wide recommendations to address our students' housing and food insecurities daily. This Taskforce's goal reviewed and discussed research literature, participated in discussions with leading scholars, and heard from students regarding their housing and food insecurities challenges. Dr. Pamela Luster, President of San Diego Mesa College, and Dr. Keith Curry, President of Compton College, co-chaired the Taskforce.
2. In fall 2018, working with the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce and San Diego State University Community College Equity Assessment Lab, developed a survey to California Community College CEOs regarding the student's housing and food insecurities challenges on their campuses. The survey results are available here: https://ccleague.org/sites/default/files/publications/cceal_food_feb2020.pdf
3. The #Real114 Basic Needs Summit was held at Compton College on **Friday, December 7, 2018**, with 250 participants.
4. The Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce developed a factsheet, which is available here: https://ccleague.org/sites/default/files/images/affordabilityfactsheet_0.pdf
5. On **Monday, January 28, 2019**, the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce held an Affordability, Food & Housing Access Capitol Briefing in Sacramento, CA.
6. In March 2019, the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce released the following recommendations: https://ccleague.org/sites/default/files/images/Events/taskforce_recommendations.pdf
7. In spring 2019, working with the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice at Temple University, the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce established #RealCollegeCalifornia. More information on #RealCollegeCalifornia is available here: <https://hope4college.com/realcollege/realcollegecalifornia/>
8. During the 2019 legislative session, the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce sponsored legislation focused on food insecurity, specifically Assembly Bill - 612 CalFresh: Restaurant Meals Program. Working with Senator Holly Mitchell (CA-30), the Taskforce successfully advocated for \$500,000 to the California Community College Chancellor's Office to study our students' food insecurities.
9. In October 2019, the California Community College Chancellors Office and the Community College League of California requested the Affordability, Food & Housing



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Access Taskforce Phase II – Affordable Student Housing. The Taskforce Phase II was co-chaired by Dr. Pamela Luster, President of San Diego Mesa College, and Dr. Keith Curry, President of Compton College. In recommendations released in March 2019, the Taskforce noted several items related to student housing, specifically:

- Commit new resources to build student residential housing on California Community Colleges campuses to address the needs of the homeless student population.
- Provide substantial one-time funding for colleges to begin the initial planning.
- Establish baseline ongoing funding for deferred maintenance, and allow California Community Colleges to utilize scheduled maintenance funding to support ongoing maintenance costs for student residential housing.

The Taskforce Phase II – Affordable Student Housing was expected to policies related to student housing facilities and address the following questions:

- What standards or definitions should we use to determine whether student housing is sufficiently affordable?
- What mechanisms can we put in place to keep costs low should a college enter a public-private partnership?
- What land is currently available across the California Community Colleges that could be used for affordable student housing?
- What land-use models and partnerships can colleges access to provide affordable student housing?
- How can a college's costs for these facilities (e.g., construction, operations, and maintenance) be sustained and kept sufficiently low?
- What funds, including other public programs, are available to offset any rent paid by students, with a clear intent that such programs not be funded from within the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee?
- How would student housing eligibility be determined, given the intent specifically to address students' housing insecurity?
- What do CEOs and boards need to know before they launch affordable student housing initiatives?
- How do student housing costs and benefits compare to those other policy alternatives intended to address housing insecurity?

10. The annual #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit was held at Laney College on **Friday, December 6, 2019**, with 222 participants.

11. In fall 2019, working with the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce Phase II – Affordable Student Housing and the California State University of Long Beach with the Center for Equitable Higher Education South developed a survey for California Community College CEOs regarding student housing. The survey results are available here:



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https://ccleague.org/sites/default/files/publications/ccc_housing_access_survey_crutchfield_2020.pdf

12. In winter 2020, the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce Phase II – Affordable Student Housing working with California Community Colleges CEOs gathered information on student housing partnerships at California Community College campuses.
13. In fall 2020, Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce was reestablished. It was co-chaired by Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson, President of Evergreen Valley College, and Dr. Kevin Walthers, President of Allen Hancock College. The Taskforce has established the following areas of focus Housing Affordability, Food Insecurity, Affordability Solutions, and Basic Needs Advocacy.
14. During the 2020-2021 year, **38** California Community Colleges participated in the #RealCollegeCalifornia.
15. The annual #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit: Fostering Resiliency During A Pandemic was held on **Friday, December 4, 2020**, with 525 participants.
16. February 2021, Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce Report: Addressing Housing and Affordability Issues was released.
17. May 2021, Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce Report: Addressing Affordable Transportation Needs was released.
18. During the 2021-2022 year, **60** California Community Colleges participated in the #RealCollegeCalifornia.
19. The annual #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit: Getting Real about Basic Needs as a Fundamental Right! was held on **Friday, February 4, 2022**, with 418 participants.
20. In April 2022, the Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce Report: Addressing Food Insecurity in California Community Colleges was released.
21. In April 2022, Dr. Larry Galizio's, Episode 15, Leading Community Colleges in California podcast featuring guest speaker Tammeil Gilkerson, president of Evergreen Valley College and co-chair of the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce.
22. During the 2022 legislative session, the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce advocated for student housing at Community College campuses, the funded projects were included in Assembly Bill – 183 Higher Education Trailer Bill.



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23. The annual #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit was held on ***Friday, December 2, 2022***, at San Bernardino Valley College, with 300 participants (Capacity was 300).
24. During the 2022-2023 year, the Real College California Coalition increased their membership to include 93 colleges.
25. In March 2023, Irvine Valley College student, Erwin Quirez, designed the new Real College California logo, supporting the taskforce in their re-branding of the coalition and new “Real College California” moniker.
26. In May 2023, the Financial Aid: Feeling the Pressure of Increased Volume and Accountability report was released.
27. In May 2023, co-chairs Tammeil Gilkerson and Matthew Wetstein served as keynote speakers at the League’s Annual Trustees Conference presenting on the Financial Aid: Feeling the Pressure of Increased Volume and Accountability report.