

March 5, 2025

The Honorable Mike Fong, Chair Assembly Higher Education Committee 1020 N Street, Room 173 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 90 (Jackson), As Introduced on January 6, 2025 Position: Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Fong:

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 90 (Jackson), which has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee. It is important to note that our position on this bill is consistent with previous iterations, including last year's AB 1818 (Jackson).

AB 90 would require community college districts (CCDs) and the California State University to determine a plan of action to allow overnight parking by eligible students. For CCDs, the bill would require each district to include, by September 1, 2026, a plan of action in the annual campus safety plan to establish an overnight parking program permitting students to park overnight in designated parking lots and spots at each campus maintained by the CCD.

While we appreciate the bill's intent to provide support to one of our most vulnerable student populations, AB 90 does not fix the real housing and affordability challenges that our students face. Our colleges are already launching programs to assist unhoused students, and a "one size fits all" mandate does not make sense for the diverse community college system and would result in significant incurred costs and increased liability implications.

We believe a safer and more feasible approach is for the state to provide additional funding to CCDs outside of Proposition 98 to construct affordable housing for our students. While we understand that revenues may not allow for additional housing investments this year, we do not believe that a mandated overnight parking program is the answer in the short term.

ACCCA opposes AB 90 because it is not a feasible solution for our unhoused students, would increase liability for CCDs, and would create a new costly mandate while our districts are already facing tightening budgets and increased operating costs. For these reasons, we respectfully oppose AB 90 and urge committee members to vote "no" on this measure.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members, Assembly Higher Education Committee

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