

June 10, 2020

Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Calbright College - SUPPORT

Dear Speaker Rendon and Chair Ting,

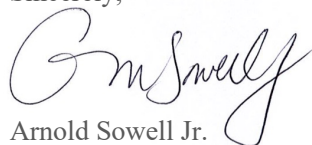
NextGen California respectfully requests your support of Calbright College and the continuous budget funding needed to keep the 115th community college effectively operating. Calbright has been making significant strides since its inception and it is critical that the state continue to fund the college.

From previous economic downturns, we know that there is an influx of new community college applicants seeking to upskill. Often, these new students include individuals who are unable to attend regularly scheduled classes for reasons such as child care needs and other work responsibilities. Calbright provides these students the much needed classroom flexibility, opportunity to upskill, and ability to pursue an affordable avenue to education.

Without legislative support, Calbright's ongoing efforts with employer organizations will be halted or significantly reduced, which in turn will affect its mission to provide more learning options for students to earn the certificates and credentials they need to earn higher wages.

NextGen California prioritizes policies and programs that support student access, success and time-to-completion. For the above reasons, we respectfully request the Legislature support Calbright funding.

Sincerely,



Arnold Sowell Jr.

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