November 7, 2012

Dear Chaffey College Community,

I’m pleased to share the good news...Proposition 30 passed. Thanks to all of you for supporting education.

Scott Lay, President and CEO of the Community College League of California sent an email this morning with information about Proposition 30.

This is the first time in 20 years that a general tax measure has been approved by California's voters. While I don't like ballot box budgeting, I hope that the Legislature hears the message and ends the gridlock that keeps us from having fair and balanced discussions about both taxing and spending.

Because of you, 180,000 more Californians will have the opportunity to realize their dreams and obtain the skills and knowledge necessary through community colleges to be a part of our state's economy. We avoid $545 million in cuts in the current year and more than $3 billion over the next seven years.

Over 500 of you made individual contributions, and others walked and talked to get out the vote.

I want to particularly thank our students. As I've been hounding pollsters about the last few weeks, they dramatically underestimated young voter enthusiasm. In the Field Poll’s projection of the electorate on Monday, they estimated that only 12% of the electorate would be 18-29 year olds. The actual exit poll from yesterday, however, suggests that 28% of yesterday's electorate in California were 18-29 year olds.

Budget Forum

Next week I am hosting a Budget Forum on Thursday, November 14 at 12:30 in CAA 218. Please join me as we discuss the effects of Proposition 30 at Chaffey College and the college budget.

While the passing of Proposition 30 saves us from further budget reductions at this time, it does not solve all our budgetary concerns and needs. We will
continue to work collaboratively to meet the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

Henry Shannon