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UC Student Association President Judith Gutierrez's Response to The Governor's 2018-19 May Revision

(Sacramento, CA) - Judith Gutierrez, President of the UC Student Association, responded to the Governor's May Revision Friday:

"We are pleased to see the Governor allocate additional one-time funds for critical deferred maintenance projects on our campuses, in addition to a 3% increase to the University of California (UC) base budget. However, these funds are merely a minor piece among a very long list of UC student needs. The Governor's budget still fails to fund support services, counselors, and tenure track faculty integral for student success.

Students continue to spend increasingly more in tuition and fees, in addition to their own basic needs, to achieve their degree. Our modest \$140 million budget request would be a step forward in eradicating the recent impacts of state-mandated growth.

When unveiling his May Revision, the Governor stated, "This is a time to save for our future, not to make pricey promises we can't keep." Maintaining California's ranking as the fifth largest economy in the world begins with proper investment in our higher education institutions, who fuel California's economy and drive social mobility. With a nearly \$9 billion dollar surplus in the state budget, now is not the time to be frugal. We can not think of a better way to invest in California's future than to adequately invest in the current generation of UC students.

We will continue to elevate the voices of the 275,000 students in the UC system. We will continue to join our faculty, staff, administrators, legislators, and community partners alike to call for the full funding to the UC.

Governor Brown, we are worth the investment."

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About the University of California Student Association

The University of California Student Association is the official voice of the 275,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students across the ten UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.