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SACRAMENTO, CA - University of California Student Association (UCSA) President Varsha Sarveshwar has issued the following statement on Governor Newsom's May revisions to the 2020-21 state budget proposal:

"UC students recognize the incredibly challenging times ahead as our state navigates a recession and its path toward recovery from COVID-19.

We are appreciative of Governor Newsom's thoughtful and deliberative process in forming the revised budget for the next fiscal year. We look forward to working with the state to mitigate impacts of the revised budget on our students, including the \$372 million in proposed 10% reductions to the University of California budget for next year.

The UC has faced severe budget impacts of over \$1.2 billion as a result of the COVID-19 crisis so far. UC students will be looking to the federal government to meet its responsibility during these times to provide our state with vital aid to help support our state. We also look forward to our continued engagement with the Governor and the legislature in supporting our students and vulnerable communities in the path ahead.

Now, more than ever, we must protect and invest in UC students to lead the way toward future recovery."

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About UCSA: The University of California Student Association is the official voice of 285,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all 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.