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The Honorable John Laird  
Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 502  
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Director Joe Stephenshaw  
Department of Finance  
915 L Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Laird and Director Stephenshaw:

Pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 93000 of the Education Code, I am writing to provide you with (a) estimated resident and nonresident undergraduate enrollment for each University of California campus in 2025-26, and (b) an estimate of the projected cost associated with further reducing nonresident enrollment at the Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego campuses in 2026-27 in order to enroll additional California resident undergraduates next year.

Resident and nonresident enrollment figures are shown in Display 1, below, for each undergraduate campus. Figures reflect projected year-average headcount (YAHC) enrollment for the 2025-26 academic year—i.e., fall, winter, and spring terms—based on fall 2025 enrollment.

*Display 1: 2025-26 California Resident and Nonresident Undergraduate Enrollment by Campus  
(Estimated Year-Average Headcount)*

Campus	California Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Share	State-Funded Nonresident Percentages as of 2024-25*
Berkeley	25,997	6,263	19.4%	21.1%
Davis	25,592	5,001	16.3%	
Irvine	24,168	5,183	17.7%	
Los Angeles	26,480	6,096	18.7%	20.2%
Merced	8,034	85	1.0%	
Riverside	22,105	843	3.7%	
San Diego	27,400	6,700	19.6%	20.5%
Santa Barbara	18,649	3,685	16.5%	
Santa Cruz	16,599	1,063	6.0%	
UC	<b>195,025</b>	<b>34,919</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	

\* The percentages in this column represent those to which the three campuses have been “bought down” by State funding through 2024-25.

State support is critical to avoiding the negative impact that reducing nonresident enrollment would otherwise have on these campuses and on the California resident students whom they enroll. Specifically, State support is needed both to offset the resulting decline in nonresident tuition revenue and address the increase in financial aid-eligible students that would result from replacing 902 nonresident undergraduates with an equal number of resident students.

As shown in Display 2, below, and consistent with the University of California’s 2026-27 Budget for Current Operations, we estimate that additional State support of \$32.9 million would be needed to preserve the level of instruction, student services, and financial aid that these campuses currently provide to their students.

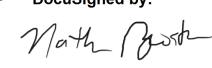
*Display 2: Fiscal Estimate of the Impact of Further Replacing Nonresident Undergraduates with California Resident Undergraduates in 2026-27*

<b>Funding Required Per Student</b>	
Replace lost Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) revenue (Average NRST rate across all cohorts)	\$32,050
Per capita UC aid for California resident undergraduates	\$4,427
Total required per student	\$36,477
<b>Number of Students (FTE)</b>	902
<b>Total Funding Required (\$M)</b>	\$32.9

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Associate Vice President Caín Díaz ([cain.diaz@ucop.edu](mailto:cain.diaz@ucop.edu)) at (510) 987-9350.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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