

CFA Report to CABA

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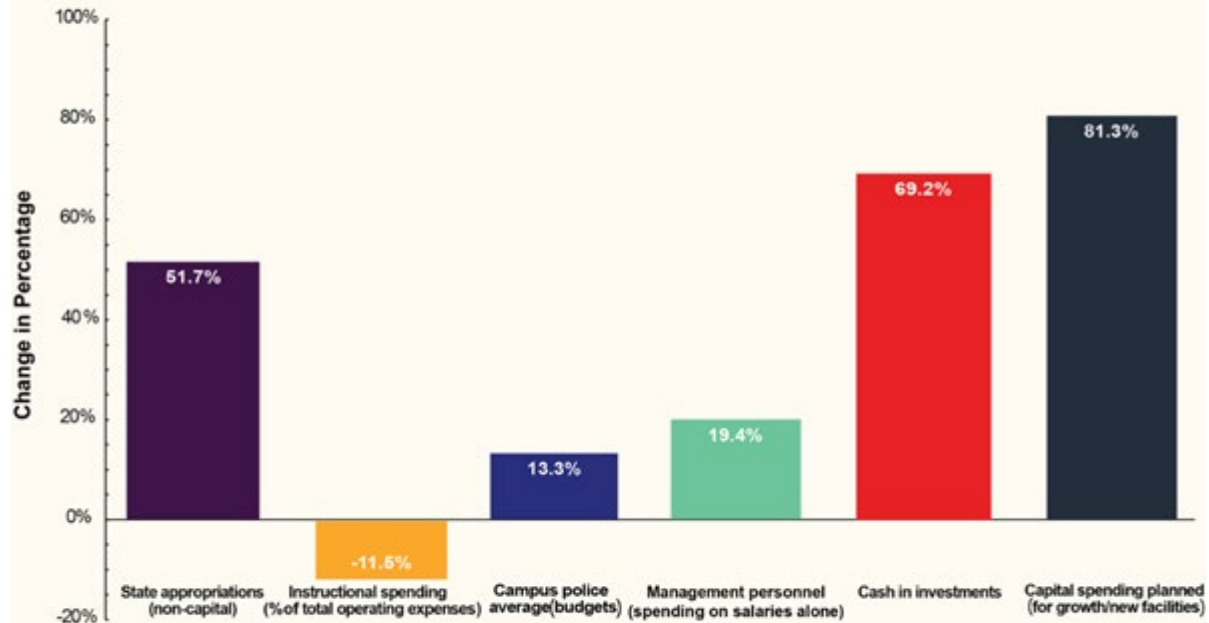
The CSU Budget

In a welcome change, Newsom reduced his planned cut the California State University (CSU) system's state funding from 7.95% to 2.82%. This cut, originally totaling \$375.2 million, would have significantly undermined the quality of education, economic vitality, and well-being of California for generations to come. Newsom's proposal is now for a 2.82% cut, amounting to \$143.8 million.

This is a direct result of [CFA members](#) who hand-delivered thousands of petitions, postcards, letters of advocacy from our community coalition, and a copy of our equity paper, "Shortchanging Students: How the CSU is Failing Our Future," to the governor and legislators.

Despite years of budget increases by the state, CSU management has reduced spending on instruction, while setting record high amounts spent on consultants and debt service, and expanding administrative positions and pay.

FIGURE 2 : CHANGE IN FINANCIAL PRIORITIES FROM 2018-19 TO 2022-23



As seen in Figure 2 from the paper, the CSU system has experienced a significant increase in state appropriations since 2018-19—the year during which Newsom assumed office. However, this influx of funding has not translated into greater support for instruction. In fact, instructional spending has declined as a share of total operating expenses, while spending on capital projects, management salaries, investments, and campus police has risen. These figures raise important

questions about CSU's true financial priorities—and whether students are benefiting directly from the state's increased investment.

New CFA Leadership

Margarita Berta-Avila, President

Michelle Ramos Pellicia was elected as Vice President.

Loren Cannon was elected as Secretary.

Vang Vang was re-elected as Treasurer.