

California Faculty Association (CFA) Report to CABE

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CFA does dual endorsement for California Governor

Senator Javier Becerra

Xavier Becerra is a lifelong advocate for working families and equal opportunity in California. As a first-generation college graduate, he has spent decades fighting for affordable health care, fair wages, and justice. In Congress, he helped pass the Affordable Care Act; as California's Attorney General, he defended families and the state's values by; and as U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, he worked to lower drug costs and expand care. Now running for Governor, Becerra is focused on tackling California's affordability crisis and building an economy where all can thrive.

During the CFA Endorsement Forum, Becerra said CSU lecturers shouldn't have to make financial sacrifices to keep teaching. He gave examples of how he has increased pay for undercompensated workers, including putting forward a regulation to give Head Start teachers a \$10,000 raise and passing a rule that 80% of Medicaid dollars must go to home care workers.

Tony Thurmond

Tony Thurmond is a dedicated educator and public servant. Beginning as a social worker, he advanced through roles on the Richmond City Council, the West Contra Costa School Board, and the California State Assembly before being elected the 28th California State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2018 and reelected in 2022. Today, he leads efforts to secure universal meals, mental-health support, and early-childhood education so that every child in California can thrive.

Thurmond believes the most important thing we can do is pass new revenue and again, for the 200 billionaires who are living in the state, their time has come where they must pay more so we have more for higher education, for K-12 education, and for health care.

SPONSORED BILLS

AB 1831 (Ahrens): *CSU Executive Compensation* would limit executive compensation to 125% of the CA Governor's salary (\$307,411/year). This bill would also prohibit executive salary increases in years when student tuition increases and would undo the 2025 executive compensation increases by 2027. Introduced on 2/11/2026.

Status: Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee, hearing date TBD.

AB 2068 (Connolly): *CSU Presidential Search* would create a presidential search process that centers campus community needs and input when selecting a campus president. Introduced on 2/18/2026.

Status: Pending Committee Referral.

AB 2523 (Fong): *Public Accessibility in Higher Ed Governing Boards* would require the CSU and California Community Colleges and request the UC to post on their websites the name, a short bio, and the contact information (used for conducting official business) of each member of their governing body: email address, phone number, and mailing address. **Introduced on 2/20/2026.**

Status: Pending Committee Referral.

SB 928 (Cervantes): *Protections for CSU Faculty from AI Encroachments* would define that a faculty member be a real person, preventing them being replaced by AI. This bill would also require that an instructor of record for a course be a real person. Introduced on 1/29/2026.

Status: Pending Committee Referral.

SB 1101 (Pérez): *Sharing Personal Information Notice* would require the CSU and UC to notify faculty, students, and staff before information is shared with the federal government and would prohibit the CSU and UC from sharing information unless legally required. Introduced on 2/11/2026.