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For some time now, The Coast District has employed austerity messaging in its communications.

We continue to have the challenging situation wherein the District on the one hand tells us that there will either be no new faculty hiring other than for compliance or very, very little. And at the same time, in making its projections, The District maintains the fiction that there will be expenditures on filling the very positions it has already told us will go unfilled. The CFE Union and the Academic Senate have jointly asked the District to provide us with a proforma projection based on the very assumptions that the District has already informed us with respect to new hiring. The *College* Budget Committee provided us with similar projections for OCC, which is half of the District. We have been unable to get the District to Honor this simple request.

### 3) Our Current Funding:

We are currently Funded at 2017-2018 Funding levels under the “Hold harmless” doctrine.

This is due to expire at the end of the 2024-2025 year, and it will be replaced in 2025-2026 by a “Funding Floor” with no provision for COLA or other funding increases unless our enrollment surpasses the “Funding floor” level.

Under the district’s “Fiscal Stabilization Plan” the college is charged with balancing its budget. OCC is currently working on its plan, which is to be submitted at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting. I will report to the Senate after that meeting.”



