

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date:** 7/12/10

**Title of Item:** Legislative Goals for 2010-11

### **Background and Analysis:**

These goals will be used in advocating the Board's priorities to the legislature and the public in preparing for the 2010-11 fiscal year. The District affirms its continued commitment to the California Master Plan for Higher Education and its dedication to student access, equity, affordability and success.

### **Recommendation:** (specify if information only)

Chancellor Linda Thor recommends that the Board approve the Legislative Goals for 2010-11.

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Is backup provided?	Yes



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### **Proposal**

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