

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND  
HILDA SOLIS

June 13, 2017

Recent reports find many more community-college students are homeless or lack food. Overall, a recent survey looked at 33,000 students across 70 community colleges in 24 U.S. states. According to the survey about two-thirds are “food insecure,” meaning they have limited or uncertain access to nutritionally adequate and safe foods. Half of these students are also “housing insecure,” meaning they are forced to move often or cannot afford rent or utilities. More striking still is the number of community-college students who are homeless: around 14 percent.

The report finds that nearly a third of homeless students at community colleges rely on loans to finance their education. In most cases, the report finds, financial aid is unable to alleviate issues of homelessness and hunger.

It is situations like these—in which students cannot have their basic needs met, despite taking advantage of existing resources—that often force them to drop out of school. This Board is at a critical juncture to make a difference on young people’s lives and we should take opportunities afforded by Measure H to develop comprehensive programs that address the plight of homeless college students.

- M O R E -

MOTION

SOLIS \_\_\_\_\_

KUEHL \_\_\_\_\_

HAHN \_\_\_\_\_

BARGER \_\_\_\_\_

RIDLEY-THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back in 90 days to:

1. Identify any strategies such as rapid rehousing (B3) where homeless college students can access housing funds and other services.
2. Consult with liaisons from community colleges, California State University schools and University of California, Los Angeles about how to connect students with any Measure H strategies.

# # #

LO:nh

motion-communitycollege6.13.17