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| *Community College District*

# SCFF Coalition Advocacy Update

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# SCFF Coalition Membership

- Cabrillo College
- Chabot-Las Positas CCD
- College of the Canyons
- Contra Costa CCD
- Glendale Community College
- College of Marin
- Monterey Peninsula College
- North Orange County CCD
- Ohlone College
- Palomar College Peralta CCD
- Rancho Santiago CCD
- City College of San Francisco
- San Jose Evergreen CCD
- San Mateo CCD
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- West Valley-Mission CCD



# SCFF Coalition Founding and Purpose

- Coalition officially established in October 2019
  - Then, exclusively Bay Area districts
- Purpose:
  - Adjust the Supplemental Allocation with a cost-of-living index to better reflect low-income students in regions with high cost of living, and
  - Increase community college system revenues to provide greater stability
- CLPCCD has taken lead role
- Coalition has hired California Strategies as advisor and advocate



# SCFF Coalition Update

- Due to pandemic, Coalition focus since 2020 is on awareness and advocacy to extend the hold harmless provision – Success!
- Sought to find alternative ways to reform the Supplemental Allocation and to model this out to ensure alternatives are sustainable and achieve reform goals.
  - No state support in this effort.



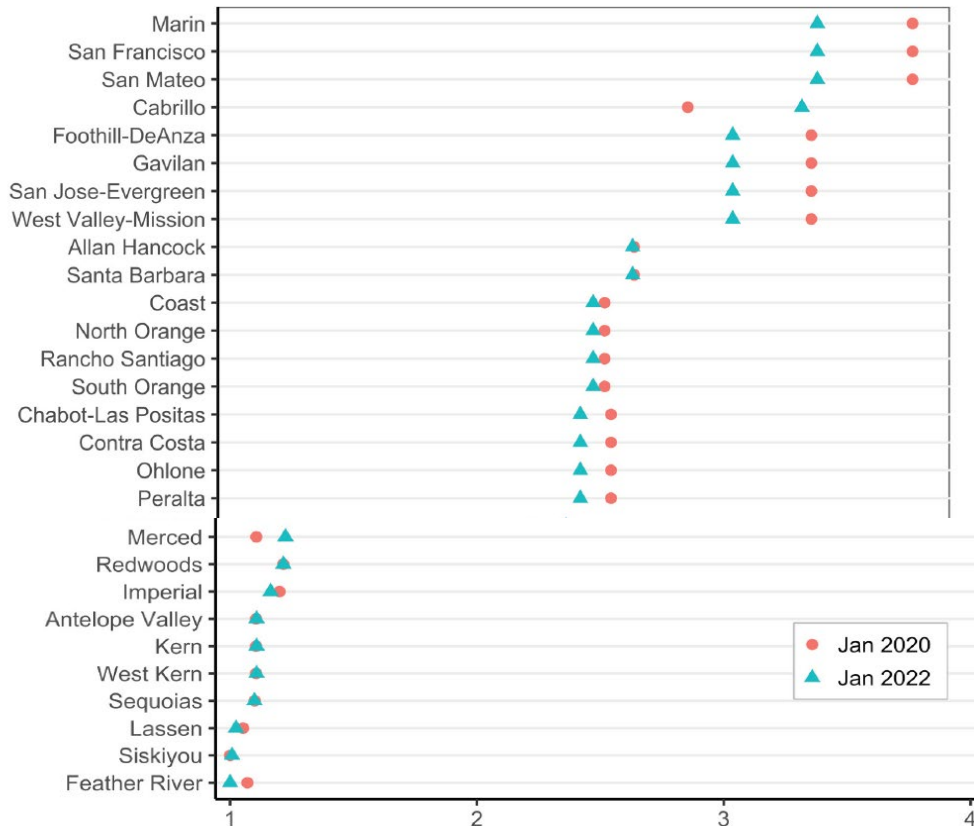
# SCFF Coalition: Research Paper

- Purpose:
  - Provide 2<sup>nd</sup> research based data supported study that shows clear correlation between high cost-of-living areas and fewer students eligible for financial aid
- Finding Summary:
  - Districts in high-cost areas are disadvantaged!
    - While incomes are lower in low-cost areas, so are housing costs
    - Data shows that the percent of student income spent on housing is similar in both low-cost and high-cost areas
    - Students in high-cost areas pay a large fraction of their incomes for housing



# SCFF: Research Paper

- Using HUD Fair Market Rents, determined relative cost of living (figure 5, page 19)





# SCFF Coalition: Alternatives Modeled

Option 1: Instead of using Pell Grants, use of Perkins Economically Disadvantaged Students

- Although this alternative is likely the best indicator to measure low-income students throughout California, the significant fiscal shifting of resources makes this recommendation likely unattainable.



# SCFF Coalition: Alternatives Modeled

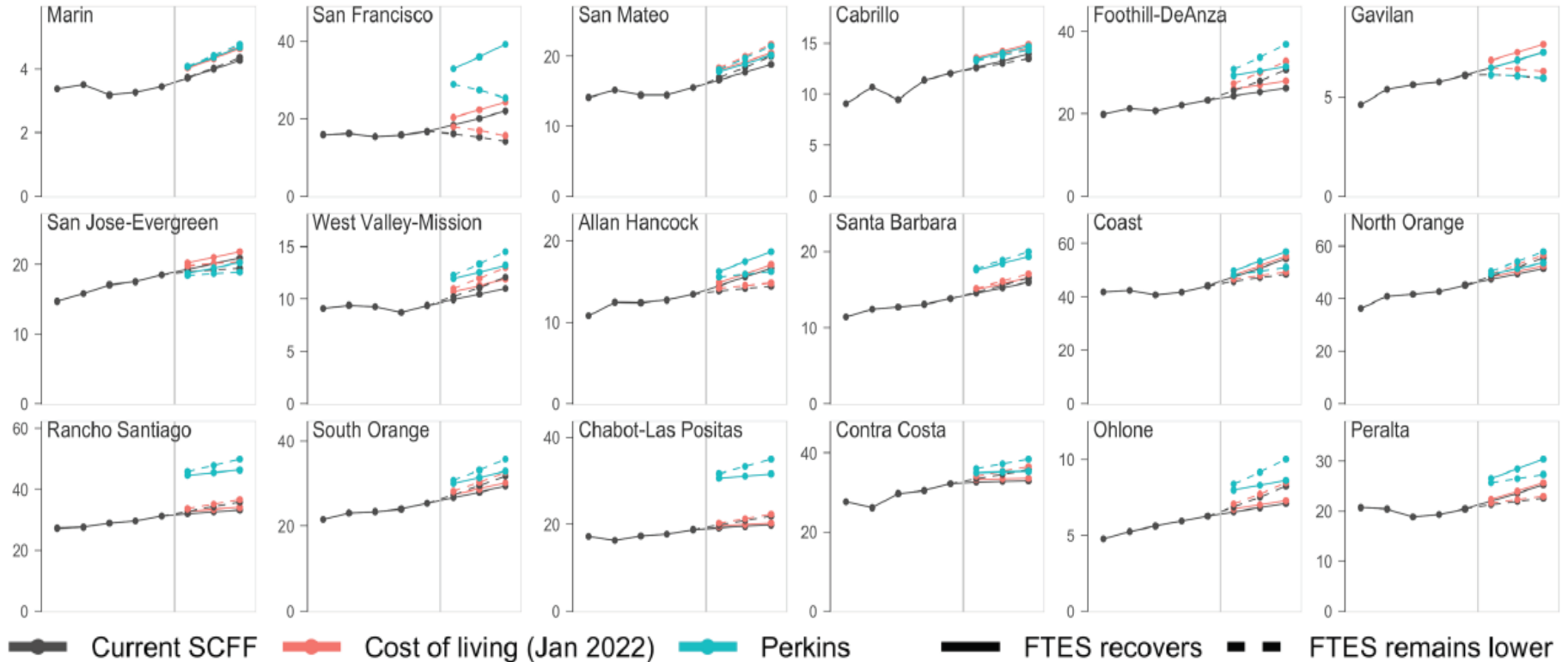
## Option 2: Cost-of-Living Adjustment

- Modifying the supplemental allocation to reflect the cost-of-living adjustment is a modest reform to the SCFF that takes the high cost of housing and increased student wages into account when allocating resources.
- As demonstrated by Blue Sky's analysis, the cost-of-living adjustment is a stable reform that will adjust to the region's housing costs over time.
- In this modeled scenario, 90% of Supplemental Allocation funds are distributed in the same way as the current SCFF. The remaining 10% of funds are distributed based on the relative cost of housing in each district





# SCFF Coalition: Alternatives Modeled



The blue Perkins projections indicate why that option is likely fiscally unattainable. The orange COLA projections show how the SCFF can yield a more equitable allocation.



# SCFF Coalition: Moving Forward

- Informed by this research paper, Coalition members met and unanimously supported the recommendation to move forward with recommending the cost-of-living adjustment alternative.
- With support from California Strategies, Coalition members will be meeting with all locally elected state leaders, Department of Finance, Legislative Analyst Office, State Chancellor's Office, and other advocacy groups in April.



Thank you!