

## **Questions and Answers from the 06/17/2025 Budget Town Hall**

**Question:** If Foothill's enrollment goes over 10,000 FTES, will they become a "medium" sized college and get more funding for that compared to being a "small" college?

**Answer:** Yes, 10,000 to 20,000 FTES is considered a medium-sized college and is funded at \$1M higher in the Basic Allocation portion of the SCFF formula.

**Question:** And is that three-year averaged or year by year? That is, will we see that \$1M next year?

**Answer:** It is the Reported FTES and effective at R1 (February of the following fiscal year it was achieved) after the final figures are in.

**Question:** What percentage of enrollment growth can we see before we hit the limit of constrained growth next year?

**Answer:** The FY 2025-26 projections at +217 FTES reflects the current maximum value of restoration/growth available.

**Question:** If we become basic aid, are we still bound by the 50% law?

**Answer:** Yes, all Districts are still bound by the 50% law.

**Question:** Are either of the colleges in the district pursuing becoming HSIs (Hispanic Serving Institutions)?

**Answer:** Yes, both Foothill and De Anza colleges are designated as HSIs and are currently pursuing HSI grants.

**Question:** Why is the task force called "Somos Uno"?

**Answer:** "Somos Uno" means "We are One" in Spanish and reflects the district's strategy to foster unity, break down silos, and operate more cohesively as one district.

**Question:** Can/will the district support any allocation for marketing strategies to expand branding of our district to the public? Especially to adult learners and those seeking online education?

**Answer:** The idea is appreciated and will be considered in the final budget planning, with a focus on adult learners and online education.

**Question:** Is the Foothill Promise Program going away?

**Answer:** No, it is not going away. A significant funding cut was avoided for one year due to advocacy efforts. However, moving forward, the program will be more selective and not open to all applicants due to changes in state funding formulas.

**Question:** Will there be a town hall on the strategy to do moderate growth as a district? i.e., will the two colleges be working together on creating one strategic plan for moderate growth?

**Answer:** There is nothing scheduled at this time. Though the district is moving toward a unified, integrated planning framework that respects each college's uniqueness while promoting collaboration. Both colleges are aligning efforts in serving adult learners, though their approaches differ. Foothill focuses on enhanced noncredit programs and has a large apprenticeship program, and De Anza is concentrating on justice-impacted students.