Remarks from Dave Fouquet
to the SCFF Oversight Committee— Nov. 7, 2019

I'm Dave Fouquet, President of the Chabot-Las Positas Faculty Association; I'm the one who dropped all those numbers on you, on September. 4.

I am disheartened to see the opposition to the COLA, risen up in recent days. To those speaking out for the Central Valley and rural areas, *I hear you*.

But listen, the chancellor didn't have to set this thing up to pit us against each other, with winners and losers, but he did. What's truly disheartening is that nobody in his office ever bothered to assess the impact in "loser" districts, or the real impact of poverty in the land of obscene rents. Is it too much to ask that we base crucial decisions on a better understanding of such things?

The Chabot-Las Positas white sheet shows how disadvantaged students in Regions 3 and 4 *really do* face sharply diminished access to financial aid— which means that the metric should *not* be driving 20% of system funding. The problem is, the Supplemental Allocation takes resources from districts with lower utilization rates, so *all* of our students, including the very financial aid students we're trying to support, will instead face draconian reductions of programs and services as though they're invisible. How did we get to this place, where these students don't matter? I'm a numbers guy, and I don't get it. This is **not** equity, folks. This is bona fide discrimination.

What kills me is that this is fixable. For the equivalent of a 1% to 2% base increase, we can make the Supplemental Allocation more equitable, and address the legislative intent of providing support and necessary services to *all* our students. But for now the Supplemental Allocation is broken. Without significant structural changes, it will actually pull revenue away from the districts that serve 42% of the state's Perkins students. Take a moment to take that in; Perkins is the CCCCO's standard for use in our college equity plans. The reality here *should* trouble you. Full stop.