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(Information Item)

Presentation by representative from the Office of California Governor
Gavin Newsom – Ben Chida, Deputy Cabinet Secretary

SUMMARY:

Ben Chida, Deputy Cabinet Secretary to California Governor Gavin Newsom, will join the Commission to present on the Governor and Administration's vision for higher education and college affordability.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action required.

BACKGROUND:

Ben Chida is the Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, where he has served as Senior Policy Advisor for Cradle to Career. In this role, Chida serves as the primary policy advisor to Governor Newsom on higher education and college affordability issues.

Previously, Chida was an attorney at an international law firm, an attorney-advisor in the Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, and a judicial law clerk to federal judges in California and on the D.C. Circuit. Earlier in his career, Chida was a third grade teacher at P.S. 325 in New York City and a roofer while attending a continuation high school. Chida attended Orange Coast College and received a B.A. from UC Berkeley, a teaching certificate in childhood education from Pace University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S):

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