California Student Aid Commission

Item 11

(Information Item)

Update on the Commission's 2023 Food and Housing Survey

SUMMARY:

This item provides an update on the administration and results of the California Student Aid Commission's (Commission) 2023 Food and Housing Survey.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action is required.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission's first Food and Housing Survey was administered in May 2023 to 500,000 financial aid applicants for the 2022-23 academic year. After completing extensive analysis of the quantitative and qualitative data from over 23,000 respondents, the Commission worked with Lucas Public Affairs (LPA) to release a report, 2023 Food and Housing Survey: Understanding Students' Basic Needs, this month.

The report includes valuable data on the cost of food and housing across all segments, the rates of food and housing insecurity for college students, how students are covering their expenses, and how their ability to afford basic needs impacts their college experience. The data focuses on who is most likely to be facing food and housing insecurity and draws attention to gaps in available support. Respondents were also able to lend their voices to the report through an open response question at the end of the survey.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

2023 Food and Housing Survey: Understanding Students' Basic Needs 2023 Food and Housing Presentation Presented on November 30, 2023