

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

As we continue navigating an evolving financial landscape, our university remains on strong fiscal footing. While much of our budget situation remains unchanged, we recognize the importance of providing the most accurate and timely information to our campus community—especially as we await further clarity on our state budget allocation.

To ensure that we have the best possible understanding of potential state budget adjustments, we are rescheduling our **Budget Town Hall from March 10 to April 21**. This later date will allow us to share the most up-to-date details and engage in a more informed discussion about our financial outlook.

To give a brief update on where we stand today, the governor's proposed budget for 2025/26 includes an 8% reduction to the California State University (CSU) system, amounting to a \$24.6 million cut for SJSU. Fortunately, proactive planning over the past two years, coupled with exceeding enrollment targets—including the reallocation of FTES from other CSU campuses—and a 6% tuition increase, has positioned us to manage this reduction. As a result, SJSU expects to implement a balanced budget plan for 2025/26 with a relatively modest cut ranging from \$11–\$13 million (3–4%). This range reflects ongoing uncertainty surrounding the state's budget volatility, the governor's ability to fund the deferred Compact Payment (a commitment between the CSU system and our state that funds compensation increases), enrollment projections, and the repayment of one-time borrowing used to balance the 2024/25 budget.

As we prepare for critical decisions to address this budget cut, we will want to hear from you. Leading up to our April 21 discussion, we'll be sharing more opportunities for the campus community to provide input, ensuring your feedback is heard and helps shape our upcoming budget town hall. In the meantime, we will continue working with the Budget Advisory Committee and the broader community to identify key areas of interest. We encourage you to visit our [budget website](#) for additional information about our financial planning and priorities.

As planning for our town hall continues, our leadership, guided by the outstanding work of our Finance and Business Services team, is actively developing the budget plan for 2025-26. Meanwhile, our Government Relations staff is leading our state budget advocacy in alignment with system wide efforts, emphasizing the need for full state funding to support our students, staff, and faculty.

Thank you for your engagement in this important conversation. We look forward to your participation in the Budget Town Hall on April 21.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Teniente-Matson".

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