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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

56 September 13, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

August 9, 2016

Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer/ Clerk of the
Board, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Los Angeles Community College District November 8, 2016 Bond Measure Election

Dear Ms. Glasgow:

The Los Angeles Community College District has previously delivered the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees RESOLUTION NO. 2 "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on July 20, 2016 calling for a November 8, 2016 local bond election.

We now enclose our Tax Rate Statement associated with this Measure.

We expect both the Tax Rate Statement and Exhibit B to the above referenced Resolution to be printed in its entirety in each sample ballot/voter pamphlet.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe that Education Code Section 15122.5 is not applicable and we request that the County not include the following "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet:

"Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Los Angeles Community College District that are the subject of bonds under Measure _____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

We would be more than happy to provide you with the resolution electronically in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

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This letter also authorizes you to contact David Casnocha of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, our bond counsel, at (415) 283-2241 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: David G. Casnocha

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TAX RATE STATEMENT
LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE
November 8, 2016

An election will be held in the Los Angeles Community College District (the "District") on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring a bonded indebterdness of the District in a principal amount of $3,300,000,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is provided to comply with Section 9401 of the Election Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service, including principal and interest on the bonds, will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bonds issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of bonds, and an estimate of the year in which that tax rate will apply is $0.0150 per $100, or $15.00 per $100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed in fiscal year 2017-2018.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bonds issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply is $0.0150 per $100, or $15.00 per $100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed in 2026-2027.
3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply is $0.0150 per $100 or $15.00 per $100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed in fiscal year 2017-2018.
4. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including principal and interest which would be required to be repaid by tax rates levied on taxable property, if all the bonds are issued, sold and paid as projected would be $5,520,035,813.

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The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold, and the market interest rates at the time of the sales, and the actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The date of sale and the amount of bonds sold any given time will be determined by the District based on its need for construction funding as well as other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on bond market conditions at the time of sale. Actual assessed valuations at future dates will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the County of Los Angeles in the annual assessment and the equalization process. Accordingly, the actual tax rate and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated above.

Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

Dated: August 10, 2016

Los Angeles Community College District
Bond Measure
November 8, 2016
Tax Rate Statement Summary

Below is a summary from our conference call of August 1, 2016, regarding the tax rate statement for the 2016 bond measure.

Authorization Summary*

Bond authorization (Par amount):	$3,300,000,000
Total repayment (Debt service):	$5,520,035,813
Debt service ratio (Debt service/Par amount)	1.67

Assumptions *

Assumed annual assessed value growth:	4.0%
Delinquency factor (Non-Teeter County) (Greater than historical percentages)	5.0%
Proposed issuance schedule: 5 series, every two years	2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025
Interest rates (adjusted to assuming higher interest with each transaction	Rates plus 50 basis points per financing

*These assumptions are preliminary and subject to change. They may represent forward looking information based on certain assumptions about future events or conditions intended to illustrate hypothetical results.

Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

ACTION

Com. No. CH1	Division CHANCELLOR	Date: July 20, 2016

Subject: **ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER**

Background Information:

Comment:

The resolution before the Board calls an election within the District for the purpose of approving general obligation bonds, requests that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters conduct the election on behalf of the District, and authorizes the preparation of election materials, including ballot arguments and tax rate statement, to be included in the ballot pamphlet.

State law requires the Board of Trustees to order community college district bond elections. Each Registrar of Voters will conduct the election on behalf of the District, including publishing all required notices. This resolution meets the statutory requirements for describing the projects to be funded with the proceeds of the bonds, which is included as Exhibit B to the resolution. A 75-word summary of the measure, as it will appear on the ballot, is also included in the resolution as Exhibit A. The resolution also authorizes the preparation and filing of a tax rate statement, which must be included in the ballot pamphlet and describes the anticipated rates of tax throughout the life of the bond issue. The resolution also authorizes, but does not commit, the Board and/or individual members of the Board to prepare and sponsor a ballot argument in support of the bond measure. No more than five (5) persons may sign the ballot argument.

This election will be called under constitutional and statutory provisions that require fifty-five percent (55%) voter approval, and certain accountability requirements, including annual independent financial and performance audits of how funds are spent, and the formation of a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Following adoption, the resolution (including the signed tax rate statement) must be delivered to the Registrar of Voters and the Board of Supervisors. State law requires that 2/3 of a school board support the resolution calling an election requiring 55% voter approval. At least five (5) Board members must vote "Yes" in order to call the election.

Recommended Action: That the Board approve Resolution No. 2 authorizing a bond election for November 8, 2016.

REQUIRES FIVE (5) AFFIRMATIVE VOTES

Approved by: _____
Francisco C. Rodriguez, Chancellor

Chancellor and
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By _____ Date 7/20/2016

Eng	✓	Moreno	✓
Fong	✓	Pearlman	✓
Hoffman	Abstain	Svonkin	✓
Kamlager	Abstain	Victoriano	Aye

Student Trustee Advisory Vote

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Community College District (the "District) serves over 225,000 students at its nine colleges and provides them with a quality education leading to the completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, transfer to four-year institutions, successful completion of workforce development programs designed to meet local, regional and statewide needs, and opportunities for lifelong learning and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, for many students, the nine colleges of the District provide access to a quality education that they would not be able to afford otherwise, and offer local residents looking to change their lives, a second chance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District has determined that certain educational facilities at each of the District's nine colleges (Los Angeles City College, East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles Harbor College, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, Los Angeles Valley College and West Los Angeles College, collectively, the "Colleges") need to be constructed, renovated, acquired and equipped, in a fiscally prudent manner, to enable the District to maintain the Colleges as valuable community resources that provide an affordable education to local students and veterans who desire to learn job skills and transfer to four-year universities; and

WHEREAS, since the costs of attending California's public universities has risen to at least six times that of attending a community college, more local students are relying on community colleges, such as the Colleges, and the high quality, affordable college options they each provide; and

WHEREAS, in today's tough economic times and competitive job environment, the District must continue providing important job training and education for local residents entering the workforce for new professions and increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, the Colleges serve over 5,000 military veterans, many of whom have recently returned from war zones and face post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disabilities and need better access to job placement programs and facilities, and need to be trained or retrained as they re-enter the civilian workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State is not providing the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain the Colleges' educational facilities, academic programs and job training; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the feasibility of a local bond measure and the District's bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State to support local job training and college transfer programs; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will permit the District to make basic repairs to the Colleges, such as improving disabled access, removing lead paint and asbestos, repairing aging gas, water and sewer lines and replacing outdated electrical wiring; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will permit the District to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students by upgrading door safety locks, security cameras, emergency notification system and lighting for student safety; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight of all funds and mandatory annual financial audits to ensure funds are spent only as authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District has solicited stakeholder and community input on priorities from students, faculty, staff, business and civic leaders, and the community; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional funding for job training and workforce preparation for students of all ages, veterans and local residents and to improve facilities for course opportunities in public safety training, science, technology, engineering, healthcare, nursing, biotech, and other technical vocational careers, by means of a general obligation bond issued in a financially prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a community college district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight which are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39, which prohibit any bond money to be used for administrator salaries and other operating expenses of the District shall be strictly monitored by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per $100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on November 8, 2016, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election pursuant to Proposition 39 on the question of whether general obligation bonds shall be issued and sold on behalf of the District for purposes set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, Sections 15264 *et seq.* and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of $3,300,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold to raise money for the purposes described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter sample ballot pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 8, 2016.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot proposition in Exhibit "A" is subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including faculty and administrator salaries and other college operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in compliance with Proposition 39, and in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B", evaluated the needs of returning veterans, safety, university transfer, enrollment trends, class size reduction, class availability, information technology and job training facilities of the District;

(c) that the Board will cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond moneys get expended for the projects identified in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board will cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended and accounted for;

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the

election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274. The Citizens' Oversight Committee shall initially consist of at least seven (7) members and at no time consist of less than seven (7) members, with the possible exception of brief periods to fill any unexpected vacancies. The Citizens' Oversight Committee may not include any employee or official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District. The Citizens' Oversight Committee shall include all of the following: One (1) member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District; One (1) member who is active in a senior citizens' organization; One member who is active in a bona fide taxpayer association. In furtherance of its specifically enumerated purposes, the Citizens' Oversight Committee may engage in any of the following activities relating solely and exclusively to the expenditure of the Proposition 39 bond proceeds:

(i) Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial and performance audits performed by independent consultant(s);

(ii) Inspect District facilities and grounds to ensure that Proposition 39 bond revenues are expended in compliance with applicable law;

(iii) Receive and review copies of all scheduled maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District;

(iv) Review efforts of the District to maximize Proposition 39 bond revenues by implementing cost-saving programs;

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per $100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution; and

(g) that the Board will cause an independent person or firm to be hired to monitor the use of bond funds to ensure public accountability and transparency.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15340 *et seq.* and 15264 *et seq.* and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 8, 2016 within the District, and pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be held and conducted in the manner described in Election Codes Section 10418.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall stand as the "order of election" to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 8, 2016.

Section 8. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 12, 2016.

Section 9. That the bonds shall be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15300 *et seq.* or issued pursuant to Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531. The Board approves the filing of a Tax Rate Statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, and directs their publication in accordance with the requirements of the Elections Code.

Section 10. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

Section 11. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is requested to permit their Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2016.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By _____
Board President

Attest:

_____
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

I, Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2 which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District at meeting thereof held on the 20th day of July 2016, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Five (5)

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS: Two (2)

By _____
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

"LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE EDUCATION/ JOB TRAINING/ CLASSROOM SAFETY MEASURE. To repair local community colleges/ prepare students/veterans for jobs/ university transfer by upgrading vocational/ career education for veterans, firefighters, paramedics nurses/ police, removing lead paint/ asbestos, upgrading campus safety/ security systems, technology, handicapped accessibility/earthquake safety, repairing deteriorating gas, water/ sewer lines, acquiring, constructing, repairing facilities, sites/ equipment, shall Los Angeles Community College District issue $3,300,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring independent audits, citizen oversight, all funds used locally?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

"**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE EDUCATION/ JOB TRAINING/ CLASSROOM SAFETY MEASURE.** To repair local community colleges/ prepare students/veterans for jobs/ university transfer by upgrading vocational/ career education for veterans, firefighters, paramedics, nurses/ police, removing lead paint/ asbestos, upgrading campus safety/ security systems, technology, handicapped accessibility/earthquake safety, repairing deteriorating gas, water/ sewer lines, acquiring, constructing, repairing facilities, sites/ equipment, shall Los Angeles Community College District issue $3,300,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring independent audits, citizen oversight, all funds used locally?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated the urgent and critical facility needs at each of its nine local community colleges, and its capacity to provide students, active military, and **Veterans** with support and **job training** facilities, an **affordable education** and prepare them for success in **college** and **careers**. **Job training** facilities, safety issues, class size and offerings, and information and computer technology were each considered in developing the scope of projects to be funded. In developing the scope of projects, preparing students for **good-paying jobs**, **basic repairs**, campus safety, facilities supporting Veterans, and the expansion of opportunities for local students to receive an **affordable,** quality **education,** were **prioritized.** If these facility needs are not addressed now, the District's Colleges would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for jobs in high demand industries and **university transfer.** The Board of Trustees determines that each of its nine colleges **MUST:**

(i) Prepare students for good-paying jobs;

(ii) Improve educational resources for Veterans;

(iii) Provide local students with an affordable, low-cost, high-quality education;

(iv) Make basic and essential repairs, such as repairing deteriorating gas, water and sewer lines, replace outdated electrical wiring and remove lead paint and asbestos;

(v) Adhere to stringent FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY safeguards including:

- **(a) All expenditures will be subject to annual independent financial audits,**
- **(b) No funds will be used for administrators' salaries and pensions,**
- **(c) All funds must be spent locally.**

The following types of projects are authorized to be undertaken at each of its nine colleges and at other District sites:

PROVIDING AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VETERANS:

Basic Repair Projects

Goals and Purposes: The cost to attend California's public universities has risen to at least six times that of attending a community college. As a result, more local students and their families rely on their local community college to save tens of thousands of dollars. This measure will increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications, and learn job skills at a reasonable price and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Many of the buildings, classrooms, science labs, and job training equipment at Los Angeles community colleges are deteriorating and outdated – about a third were built more than 40 years ago. This measure will address urgent and basic repairs such as removing asbestos and lead paint, upgrading electrical wiring, gas and sewer lines, fixing leaky roofs, and improving earthquake safety to make our local colleges clean and safe for learning.

- Replace outdated electrical wiring.
- **Remove asbestos and lead paint.**
- Repair deteriorating gas, water and sewer lines.
- Improve water conservation.
- Improve disabled access.
- Improve earthquake safety.
- Upgrade door safety locks, security cameras, emergency notification systems, and lighting for student safety.
- Improve campus safety by upgrading existing fire alarms, sprinklers, intercoms, and fire doors.
- Repair aging water pipes and drinking fountains to ensure safe drinking water.

PROVIDING JOB TRAINING AND COLLEGE TRANSFER:

Facility Improvements To Help Students and Veterans Transfer to Four-Year Universities or be Trained For High Demand Jobs

Goals and Purposes: Our local community colleges serve over 5,000 military veterans, many of whom have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disability. This measure will upgrade and expand veteran

services and job training so returning service members receive the support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

Our local community colleges provide essential job training, successfully preparing students to become part of our local workforce. This measure will upgrade classrooms, facilities and technology, to expand access to training programs that help students learn new skills and find better paying jobs in manufacturing, biotechnology, nursing, engineering, and other high demand careers.

Our local community colleges provide excellent training that prepares students to transfer to the University of California and the California State University system to complete their Bachelor's degrees. Our local colleges also allow high school students to get a jump start on earning college credit by taking college courses before they graduate high school. This measure will ensure that these colleges can continue to offer this caliber of education while saving families money in the first few years of tuition.

- Repair classrooms to **prepare students**, veterans and workers for **good-paying jobs** and 21st century careers.
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for science, technology, and engineering fields.
- **Improve classrooms for nursing, health IT, biotech, and other technical vocational career education programs.**
- Provide facilities to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities.
- **Improve educational resources for veterans.**
- Improve vocational classrooms and labs for nursing, dental, and emergency medical programs.
- Improve public safety academy to train police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

* * *

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses, a customary contingency, and costs associated with the Total Cost of Ownership of facilities and equipment. In addition to the listed projects stated above, authorized projects also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, fiscal reporting, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects, as well as the completion of projects authorized under the District's Measure J, approved by voters on November 4, 2008. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects include the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; acquire vehicles; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations; repair and replace worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls doors and drinking fountains; replace or remove outdated

buildings and classrooms and construct new classrooms and support buildings; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability and State compliance standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replacing or relocate hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; install artificial turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; build or upgrade facilities, including science and engineering classrooms; construct, expand or reconfigure facilities to create large lecture classrooms; improve parking, construct parking structures and upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots; improve vehicular access and traffic circulation; improve drop-off zones; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water lines and valves, sewer lines and other plumbing systems; construct, upgrade, acquire or expand multi-use classrooms and labs, manufacturing and transportation training, fine and theater arts and visual and performing arts facilities, learning resources centers, physical education/aquatic facilities, gyms, stadiums, locker rooms, field lights, field houses, tennis courts, bleachers, press boxes, tracks, District administrative offices, conference center, physical plants/ maintenance buildings, student service/campus centers, data centers, technology buildings, kitchens, cafeterias/food services and classroom and instructional buildings, trades and technology buildings, libraries, athletic fields, student services buildings, central plants; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; acquire land; replace or upgrade outdated security and safety systems; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install shade structures, pedestrian malls, new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer and hydronic lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The project list also includes the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations and the demolition of older building at each of the Colleges. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout both college campuses, acquiring computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, audio/visual and telecommunications systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, DATA storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones, and identity access cards.

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the final costs of each project. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects.

Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

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FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

1. All money will benefit the nine local community colleges and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.

2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES or pensions.

3. Require CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT and yearly audits to ensure all funds are used locally, effectively and as promised.

4. NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty and college administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.

5. **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**