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RESOLUTION TO ORDER BIENNIAL GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION 061224-4

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

96 August 6, 2024

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE RÍO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

RESOLUTION ORDERING GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Code (EC) §§5000-5030, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) is hereby ORDERED to call an election for the purpose, and in accordance with the designations contained in the following specifications of the Election Order made under the authority of EC §5302, §5304, and §5322.

SPECIFICATION OF THE ELECTION ORDER

The election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The polling hours shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on multiple days at the Voting Centers leading up to Election Day.

The purpose of the election is to submit to the voters of the district the question of whether two members (Trustee Areas 2 and 4) shall be elected to the Governing Board of the Río Hondo Community College District.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Registrar/Recorder) will perform all the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of the above-mentioned election. The Río Hondo Community College District will pay the costs of the election. If any agency holds an election on November 5, 2024, the Río Hondo Community College District shall pay its pro rata share pertaining to the conduct of this election and shall be under the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Education and Elections Codes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the District is hereby directed to furnish two copies of this order to the County Superintendent not less than 130 days prior to the date set for the election.

The Foregoing Resolution and Order was adopted and affirmed by the Governing Board of the Río Hondo Community College District of Los Angeles County, being the Board authorized by law to make the designations contained therein, by formal vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Signed: *Rosaelva Lomeli*
Rosaelva Lomeli, Clerk of the RHCCD Governing Board

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Board named therein at a duly constituted meeting of the Said Governing Board, held on June 12, 2024 as it appears upon the minutes of the said meeting on June 12, 2024.

Signed: *Rosaelva Lomeli*
Rosaelva Lomeli, Clerk of the RHCCD Governing Board

REGISTRAR-RECORDER INFORMATION

Public Notice Election Announcement
Listing of two (2) newspapers: San Gabriel Valley Tribune
Whittier Daily News

Attachment 1 to:
Informational Bulletin No. 6819



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**Via Federal Express and
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Mr. Edward Yen, Executive Officer
LA County Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012
Tel. 213-974-1411

Mr. Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Election Coordination Unit
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2013A
Norwalk, California 90650
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Re: Adopted Resolution of the Board of Trustees Río Hondo Community College District of Los Angeles County, State of California, Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024

Dear Mr. Yen and Mr. Logan:

We attach to this letter (and email) the adopted Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Río Hondo Community College District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024.

Pursuant to the requirements of a Proposition 39 general obligation bond election with the 55% voter threshold, the Resolution includes:

- Exhibit A – Full Text Ballot Measure and Project List
- Exhibit B – Short Form of Bond Measure (75-word ballot measure question)
- Exhibit C – Tax Rate Statement, signed by the District Superintendent/President

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See attached ballot measure letter designation form. Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

cc: Ann La Morena Rohlin, Bond Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (via email)
Khushroo F. Gheyara, CFW Advisory Services, LLC

Enclosures/Attachments

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RÍO HONDO COLLEGE

BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 071024-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) is devoted to maintaining a high standard of education for all students, including classrooms and facilities that support excellent academic programs and high-quality instruction to prepare students for college/university transfer and careers; and,

WHEREAS, the District offers local students the ability to transfer to four-year universities and preparation for skilled careers, and by repairing and upgrading classrooms and facilities, the District can continue to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that District facilities need to be upgraded, repaired, expanded, improved and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable the District to also improve student safety and campus security; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”) provides very limited funding for community college facility improvements and in order to repair and upgrade aging college facilities, the District must identify local funding sources such as a college facilities improvement bond measure; and

WHEREAS, if approved by 55% of local voters, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would provide locally-controlled funding to complete basic repairs and upgrades like replacing leaky roofs, old plumbing, faulty electrical systems, and repair or replace outdated electrical, water and irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would modernize classrooms, labs, and equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology, including keeping computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date, and upgrading classrooms and career training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math and computer science; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure local college facilities are accessible by improving access for students and veterans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure student safety and campus security by improving security lighting, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older buildings, and retrofitting older buildings to make them earthquake safe; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District must include a clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing exactly how the funds would be used, a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure the funds would be spent properly, mandatory public disclosure of all spending, and a requirement that all funds raised would stay local and no funds could be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds shall be issued and sold for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing or equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 39, adopted by the voters of the State on November 7, 2000 ("Proposition 39"), comprising Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A"), the District may incur bonded indebtedness upon the vote of fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the qualified electors of the District voting on the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Education Code ("Education Code") Section 15264 *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, to submit to the electorate of the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings to be applicable to the within election order and to establish compliance with Proposition 39 and the applicable requirements of the Education Code and the California Elections Code (the "Elections Code"), as further specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections from experts of assessed property valuations and has determined that, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, 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 maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15270 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of 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, pursuant to Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, the Board now deems it appropriate and necessary to request consolidation of the election authorized hereby (the "Election") with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024, and to request the Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar of Voters") of Los Angeles County (the "County") to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bond Measure (defined below) to be considered at the Election includes requirements for strict accountability, including establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent annual financial and performance audits to ensure all bond proceeds are used effectively and as promised, with no funds going towards District administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District has paid or expects to pay certain expenses with respect to projects on the Project List (as defined herein) (the "Reimbursable Expenses") to which it desires to preserve its ability to reimburse the capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 39 and applicable law (the "Bonds"), as provided under section 1.150-2 of the regulations (the "Treasury Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code"); and,

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations provides that such an allocation will be respected only if, *inter alia*, the District has declared its reasonable official intent to reimburse costs of the projects on the Project List incurred prior to but in anticipation of the issuance of debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in one or more series from time to time in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$442,200,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of raising money for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in a ballot measure approved pursuant to Section 4 below.

Section 2. Order of Election. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Registrar of Voters to call the Election within the boundaries of the District on November 5, 2024. The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the Election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 3. Election Date and Consolidation. The date of the Election shall be November 5, 2024, and the Election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. Pursuant to Section 15121 of the Education Code and Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to

order consolidation of the community college bond election ordered herein with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. (a) The purpose of the Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on a measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Bond Measure”), containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act.

(b) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters. As required by Elections Code Sections 13119 and 13247, and Education Code Section 15122, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot appears below and is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**:

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District’s measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

The District’s Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, or any of their respective designees is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure or its abbreviated form as required to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

(c) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. If the full text of the Bond Measure is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the Bond Measure, in no less than 10 point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. For a copy of the measure, contact the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 1 (800) 815-2666 or the Rio Hondo Community College District at (562) 463-7271, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure ___ is also available at <https://www.riohondo.edu>.”

(d) As required by Section 53410 of the California Government Code (the “Government Code”), a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the Bond Measure ballot, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

Accountability Measures

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the Bond Measure:

- (i) The specific purpose of the Bonds is set forth in the full text of the Bond Measure; and
- (ii) The proceeds from the sale of the District's Bonds will be applied only for the purposes specified in the Bond Measure, and not for any other purpose; and
- (iii) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "County Treasurer"), as required by the Education Code; and
- (iv) The Superintendent/President of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the Bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in the Bond Measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

(e) The District hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet, pursuant to Section 15122.5 of the Education Code [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

"Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Rio Hondo 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."

(f) Pursuant to Section 18, Article XVI and Section 1, Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State, the foregoing Bond Measure shall become effective upon the favorable vote of no less than 55% of those qualified voters voting on the measure.

Section 5. The Bonds. (a) The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 of the Education Code (commencing with Section 15264), as amended, and Article XIII A shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum, and (b) the maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, as amended, applicable provisions of the Education Code and Article XIII A of the California Constitution shall not exceed

forty (40) years, or, in the case of bonds, the interest on which is compounded, twenty-five (25) years, and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum.

Section 6. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the Election is contained in the Act, Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b), subsection (3) of the California Constitution, and Section 53506 *et seq.* of the Government Code. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 7. District Facilities Projects. A list of the specific capital projects (the "Projects") to be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds is set forth in **Exhibit A** (the "Project List"). As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, enrollment and information technology needs of the District in developing the list of capital projects set forth in **Exhibit A**. The District understands that the costs of administering the Election, managing construction projects and costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be lawful charges against proceeds of sale of the Bonds.

Section 8. Covenants of the Board Upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate. As required by Article XIII A and Section 15278 of the Act, if fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the voters of the District voting on the Bond Measure approve the Bond Measure, the Board shall:

- a) Use the Bond proceeds only for the purposes of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities, as specifically set forth in **Exhibit A**, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries/pensions and other District operating expenses;
- b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond proceeds have been expended only on the capital projects listed in **Exhibit A** until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;
- c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for capital projects listed in **Exhibit A**;
- d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act, which may consist of some or all of the citizens' oversight committee members currently sitting; and
- e) Limit the amount of bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure so that the tax rate on taxable property located within the District required to repay such bonds will not, based on the District's reasonable expectations at the date of issuance, exceed \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Section 9. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to send or hand-deliver a completed and certified copy of this Resolution to each of the Superintendent of Schools of the County, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County and the Registrar of Voters no later than August 9, 2024.

Section 10. Tax Rate Statement; Ballot Arguments. Any one of the Superintendent/President of the District, the President of the Board, or their designees, is hereby authorized to execute the Tax Rate Statement attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and any other required documents and to perform all acts necessary to place the Bond Measure on the ballot. The Tax Rate Statement shall be delivered to the Registrar of Voters on or before August 9, 2024. Any member of the Board is hereby authorized to act as an author of or signer to any ballot argument prepared in connection with the Election, including a rebuttal argument.

Section 11. Consolidation of Election; Election Services. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate officials of the County, to render all services necessary in connection with the Election including, but not limited to, publication of a Formal Notice of Community College Bond Election pursuant to Education Code Section 5363 and related law, the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code), the opportunity to submit ballot arguments in connection with the Election, the canvassing and certification of the returns of the Election, and other ballot requirements pursuant to Education Code Section 15123, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the County as required by law.

Section 12. Reimbursement of Qualified Project Expenditures. The reimbursement of the Reimbursable Expenses is consistent with the District's budgetary and financial circumstances. There are no funds or other sources of funds of the District or any related person or controlled entity, that have been, or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside to pay the costs of the projects on the Project List to be paid or reimbursed out of the proceeds of the Bonds of the District which may be authorized following a successful Bond Election, and not otherwise, unless this Board shall take further action. The District reasonably expects to reimburse capital expenditures with respect to the projects on the Project List with proceeds of bonds that may hereafter be executed and delivered by or on behalf of the District, and this resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution is adopted for purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the District to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness or proceed with the financing, acquisition or construction of the projects on the Project List. The District recognizes that reimbursement allocations to which section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations applies by reason of this Resolution generally include only reimbursements of payments originally for capital expenditures made no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution. The maximum principal amount of Bonds and other obligations expected to be issued for the projects on the Project List is \$442,200,000.

Section 13. Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisor. The Board hereby approves the retention of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as bond counsel and CFW Advisory Services, LLC, as Municipal Advisor, pursuant to separate contracts to be entered into by the District.

Section 14. Ratification. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, or their respective designees, employees and agents of the Board and the District in connection with the financing of the facilities on the Project List are hereby ratified and confirmed. The officers and their designees, the employees and agents of the Board and the District are hereby authorized to take any and all actions in connection with the financing of such facilities and as may be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

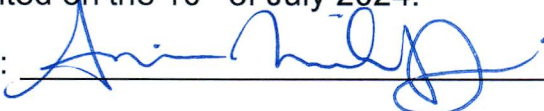
Section 15. Severability. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the severed portion.

Section 16. Authorization of Further Acts. The members of the Board, Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, any designee thereof, and all other staff or officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Presented on the 10th of July 2024.

Signed:  _____

Dated: 7/10/24

Anais Medina Diaz, Board President
Rio Hondo Community College District

Signed:  _____

Dated: 07.10.2024

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

THIS RESOLUTION OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES **IN SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE** IS HEREBY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 2024, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MOVED BY: Rosaelva Lomeli

SECONDED BY: Vicky Santana

AYES: Oscar Valledares, Rosaelva Lomeli, Vicky Santana, Kristal Orozco, Anais Medina Diaz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

EXHIBIT A
FULL TEXT BALLOT MEASURE
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure

To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District's measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) certifies that it has evaluated the District’s urgent and critical capital needs, including college and student safety issues, enrollment trends, energy efficiency and computer technology, seismic safety requirements, and aging, outdated or deteriorating campus buildings in developing the scope of projects. In developing the scope of projects, the District has prioritized the key health and safety and sustainability needs so that the most critical college site and facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted an evaluation at all District sites and received input in developing the scope of projects. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse and more expensive to address in the future. The Board concluded that protecting the quality of college facilities, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes is a wise investment. The Board also concluded that providing safe and updated learning facilities for our students is a wise investment. Because only those acquisitions and capital improvements included on this Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the bonds, the Board has listed many possible capital improvement projects and/or acquisitions. This does not mean that any or all of the projects listed on this Project List will be completed or funded. The placement of the listing of a particular capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains within the province of the Board by subsequent action. In approving this Project List, the Board determines that the District should:

GENERAL:

- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve facilities, including classrooms, labs, and learning spaces for general education and career education programs in fields including transfer education, nursing, fire and police academies, science, technology, engineering and other programs.
- Replace portable classrooms and spaces with new permanent facilities.
- Repair and replace roofs, windows, doors and fixtures, as needed.
- Construct and repair Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) building for existing and new programs, including, but not limited to the addition of engineering and computer science.
- Construct, acquire and repair permanent facilities for Health Sciences Center programs including, but not limited to nursing, Ortho-tech, biotech, dietician/nutrition, and medical coding programs.
- Expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) facilities, classrooms and labs for programs including, but not limited to advanced manufacturing, electrical, and construction.
- Upgrade and replace water and plumbing systems including water storage for domestic and firefighting use, supply to shower and locker rooms, science labs, drinking fountains, irrigation, fire sprinkler systems, and hydrants.
- Improve college safety and security by upgrading wiring, lighting, fire alarms, electronic keyless access control locks (i.e. smart locks) and security and communication systems.
- Improve and enhance disability access throughout the District, replace or renovate facilities and equipment, including elevators, to comply with federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and ensure ADA compliance.
- Provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to support new and modernized learning spaces.
- Construct, renovate, remodel, improve, including seismic renovations throughout the District, including all offsite locations and main campus.
- Construct and improve roadways, parking structures, parking facilities, walkways, grounds, wayfinding and signage.
- Upgrade and construct restrooms.
- Repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.
- Upgrade electrical systems to LED lighting.

- Provide up-to-date information and technology systems and equipment, including cable infrastructure, network expansion to support student access to technology and specialized equipment, wireless access points and administrative systems.
- Upgrade and improve faculty office spaces to accommodate faculty needs.
- Improve irrigation systems, landscaping, and athletic and physical education facilities.
- Finance or refinance real property purchases, leases, or prepay leases.
- Provide temporary facilities during facilities construction and renovations.
- Upgrade and improve infrastructure, sewers, streets and plumbing.
- Upgrade and improve lighting and paving, including but not limited to the pathway to the observatory.
- Acquire land and facilities for growth/expansion.
- Construct showers/locker rooms.
- Upgrade and improve the safety of the Vehicle Facilities Department equipment.
- Construct, renovate, remodel and improve Science and Business Education and Arts Buildings.
- Construct, renovate, remodel and improve Santa Fe Spring Fire Academy facilities.
- The District's Facilities Master Plan, as amended, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and is available for review on the District website.

Student Centered Campus:

- Construct and develop Centralized Student Support Space to meet students' study and instructional support needs.
- Upgrade and improve ADA access areas campus wide.
- Provide and furnish District facilities with benches, furniture, canopies, shade structures, informational kiosks.
- Repair and update outdoor amphitheater (quad) for Student events/gatherings/performances.
- Upgrade and improve hydration stations/drinking water (for water bottles) stations throughout the District.
- Acquire and construct District facilities, including for the purposes of student housing.

- Develop, improve and upgrade the child development center.

District and Campus Mobility - Pedestrian Circulation:

- Upgrade and improve ADA accessibility to connect the metro/bus station stops to the campus tram.
- Upgrade and improve adjacent stair-climb with mile markers to connect the metro/bus stop station stops to the top of campus.
- Develop, construct and repair upper terrace walk.
- Upgrade and improve campus-wide directional signage and mile markers.
- Construct and improve tram stops that are more accessible and sustainable to students.

Smart College & Classrooms:

- Upgrade and improve campus-wide WiFi system.
- Upgrade and improve smart classrooms/technology to foster innovative instruction.
- Upgrade and improve desks with plugs for technology/laptops; charging stations.
- Modernize electrical and technology infrastructure.

Safety and Security

- Upgrade blue light emergency system throughout campus.
- Upgrade and improve campus Police sub-station/Emergency/Safety Central Command Center.
- Enhance seismic and earthquake preparedness of existing facilities.
- Upgrade and improve security camera systems throughout campus.
- Modernize the Administration of Justice Annex for training of incumbent workforce.

Sustainability/Green Campus:

- Develop a Zero Net Energy District and campuses where, on a source energy basis, the actual annual consumed energy is less than or equal to the onsite renewable generated energy.
- Install, upgrade and repair solar panels/photovoltaic system on District premises, including but not limited to parking stall locations.
- Install, upgrade and repair Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in all parking-lots.

- Install, upgrade and repair new and energy efficient HVAC systems.
- Construct and upgrade water tower.
- Upgrade and improve utility lines.
- Upgrade electrical transformers.
- Upgrade back-up power generators.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve Alternative Energy Systems.

Athletics:

- Construct and renovate new and existing athletic facilities, including but not limited to Baseball and Softball venues, including field seating, bleachers, concessions stands, lighting, electronic score boards, fencing and restrooms.
- Upgrade pools and water sports facilities.
- Renovate existing gymnasium, including but not limited to the following improvements, bleachers, flooring, HVAC, and sporting fixtures and equipment.
- Upgrade existing tennis court.
- Upgrade, improve and repair performing arts centers, including but not limited to the Music/Wray Theater and Campus Inn or replace with a larger facility that would accommodate performance and meeting spaces..

Additional Facilities:

- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve off-site Educational Centers.
- Renovate and upgrade Administration Building.
- Develop, construct and maintain venue for performances and graduations.
- Construct and maintain Faculty & Staff Equity Training Center.
- Construct, renovate, improve, repair the L Tower.
- Construct, acquire and maintain Central Warehouse.
- Construct, acquire and maintain Fire Academy buildings.
- Construct, acquire and maintain Police Academy annex, including but not limited to, shooting range and scenario village training facilities.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve satellite campus locations.

Listed building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment; the acquisition, construction, repair, renovation and modernization of existing and new classrooms and other facilities to serve students; the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations, as applicable; repairs and replacement of faculty and administrative support spaces; the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring) and construction documentation; and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to: projectors and display systems; media control stations; portable interface devices; centralized storage and backup systems; uninterruptible power supplies; racks; servers; switches; routers; modules; sound systems; access control systems; printers; digital white boards; document projectors and cameras; upgraded voice-over IP; communications software and systems; collaborative systems; network management software; enterprise-wide software system replacement or upgrade; network security/firewall; wiring and cabling; Wi-Fi capabilities, access points and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

In addition to the projects listed above, the acquisition, construction, repair and renovation of District facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; repair and replacement of heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiency and to reduce fire risks; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaking roofs, insulation, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; demolition of unsafe facilities; installation of wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computing devices, technology and other electrical devices and needs; repairing and replacing fire alarms, emergency power, communications and security systems; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; upgrading or replacing libraries, and faculty spaces; updating gymnasium and other athletic venues; installing artificial surfaces, flooring, field seating, bleachers, concessions, lighting and restrooms; improving sanitation and recycling; expanding parking; installing interior and exterior painting and floor covering; installing covered walkways; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces; replacing water and sewer lines and other plumbing systems; improving food services, purchasing and warehouse facilities, and replacing outdated security systems.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State of California (the "State") matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may undertake fewer than all of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies.

Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, storm drain, and utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating or repairing fire access roads and paths of travel, 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 costs 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.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS MEASURE SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES OR PENSIONS OR OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

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 (CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15278 *ET SEQ.*) TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATIVES 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.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of Measure ___ by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$442,200,000 in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific District facilities projects listed in the Project List as set forth above, subject to the accountability requirements specified below. The bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the bonds are issued.

FUNDS PROTECTED FOR LOCAL USE

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Measure ___ will be used solely on local projects and will not be subject to appropriation by agencies outside of the District.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in Measure ___ in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at California Education Code Sections 15264 and following). The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, as required by the California Education Code, and will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure ___ and not for any other purpose.

Evaluation of Needs: The Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated enrollment growth, student safety, class size accommodation, repairs/upgrades to District facilities, and technology needs in developing the Project List as set forth above.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee: The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under California Education Code Section 15278 to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the District facilities projects listed above. The Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the District facilities projects listed as set forth above.

Financial Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the District facilities projects listed above.

Annual Report: The Superintendent/President of the District is required to cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in Measure ___ as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the California Government Code.

COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Completion of the bond projects listed above is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Bond Measure. The District's proposal for the 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 or additional measures. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure ___, and not for any other purpose.

SCOPE OF PROJECTS

Bond proceeds will be expended to update, repair, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve educational and support facilities within the District. Projects which are described above include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architectural and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire real property (or any interest in real property) for future educational and support facilities and to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other educational facilities within the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects which are described above as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction.

Whenever specific items are included in the above list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion. Projects at each site will be accomplished to address the individual site deficiencies and priorities as enumerated in the District's Facilities Master Plan and Technology Master Plan.

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EXHIBIT B
SHORT FORM OF BOND MEASURE

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District's measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

TAX RATE STATEMENT
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE __

An election will be held in the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$442,200,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

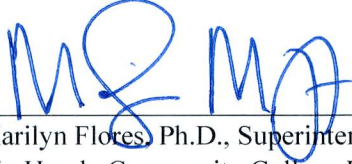
Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2058-59.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year is 2058-59.
3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$989,140,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on Los Angeles County’s official tax rolls, *not* on the property’s market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: July 10, 2024



Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District



11-05-2024
ELECTION DATE

Rio Hondo Community College District

JURISDICTION NAME

County of LA Official Use Only: Date Received Time Received

LETTER DESIGNATION FORM

Please complete this form in order to select your first, second, and third letter designation choice for your jurisdiction's measure to appear on the ballot. In the event your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice is unavailable, then please select the letter(s) designations that the jurisdiction DOES NOT want selected for its measure. The 3rd option for letter designations would be to create a unique letter designation that is not identified below using less than three letters of the alphabet. For example: County of Los Angeles USD Facilities Improvement measure could use unique letter designations such as CL, LA, LU, UC, LS.

Select your first, second, and third letter designation choice by checking off and listing the designated letters below:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
AA BB CC DD EE FF GG HH II JJ KK LL MM
NN OO PP QQ RR SS TT UU VV WW XX YY ZZ

CHOICES

1ST RH 2ND R 3RD C

Select the letters that your jurisdiction DOES NOT want assigned to its measure by marking the letter with an X:

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List the Letters here: A, F, N



RÍO HONDO COLLEGE

BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 071024-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) is devoted to maintaining a high standard of education for all students, including classrooms and facilities that support excellent academic programs and high-quality instruction to prepare students for college/university transfer and careers; and,

WHEREAS, the District offers local students the ability to transfer to four-year universities and preparation for skilled careers, and by repairing and upgrading classrooms and facilities, the District can continue to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that District facilities need to be upgraded, repaired, expanded, improved and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable the District to also improve student safety and campus security; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”) provides very limited funding for community college facility improvements and in order to repair and upgrade aging college facilities, the District must identify local funding sources such as a college facilities improvement bond measure; and

WHEREAS, if approved by 55% of local voters, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would provide locally-controlled funding to complete basic repairs and upgrades like replacing leaky roofs, old plumbing, faulty electrical systems, and repair or replace outdated electrical, water and irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would modernize classrooms, labs, and equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology, including keeping computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date, and upgrading classrooms and career training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math and computer science; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure local college facilities are accessible by improving access for students and veterans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure student safety and campus security by improving security lighting, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older buildings, and retrofitting older buildings to make them earthquake safe; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District must include a clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing exactly how the funds would be used, a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure the funds would be spent properly, mandatory public disclosure of all spending, and a requirement that all funds raised would stay local and no funds could be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds shall be issued and sold for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing or equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 39, adopted by the voters of the State on November 7, 2000 ("Proposition 39"), comprising Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A"), the District may incur bonded indebtedness upon the vote of fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the qualified electors of the District voting on the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Education Code ("Education Code") Section 15264 *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, to submit to the electorate of the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings to be applicable to the within election order and to establish compliance with Proposition 39 and the applicable requirements of the Education Code and the California Elections Code (the "Elections Code"), as further specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections from experts of assessed property valuations and has determined that, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, 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 maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15270 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of 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, pursuant to Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, the Board now deems it appropriate and necessary to request consolidation of the election authorized hereby (the "Election") with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024, and to request the Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar of Voters") of Los Angeles County (the "County") to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bond Measure (defined below) to be considered at the Election includes requirements for strict accountability, including establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent annual financial and performance audits to ensure all bond proceeds are used effectively and as promised, with no funds going towards District administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District has paid or expects to pay certain expenses with respect to projects on the Project List (as defined herein) (the "Reimbursable Expenses") to which it desires to preserve its ability to reimburse the capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 39 and applicable law (the "Bonds"), as provided under section 1.150-2 of the regulations (the "Treasury Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code"); and,

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations provides that such an allocation will be respected only if, *inter alia*, the District has declared its reasonable official intent to reimburse costs of the projects on the Project List incurred prior to but in anticipation of the issuance of debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in one or more series from time to time in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$442,200,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of raising money for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in a ballot measure approved pursuant to Section 4 below.

Section 2. Order of Election. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Registrar of Voters to call the Election within the boundaries of the District on November 5, 2024. The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the Election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 3. Election Date and Consolidation. The date of the Election shall be November 5, 2024, and the Election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. Pursuant to Section 15121 of the Education Code and Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to

order consolidation of the community college bond election ordered herein with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. (a) The purpose of the Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on a measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Bond Measure”), containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act.

(b) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters. As required by Elections Code Sections 13119 and 13247, and Education Code Section 15122, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot appears below and is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**:

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District’s measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

The District’s Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, or any of their respective designees is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure or its abbreviated form as required to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

(c) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. If the full text of the Bond Measure is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the Bond Measure, in no less than 10 point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. For a copy of the measure, contact the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 1 (800) 815-2666 or the Rio Hondo Community College District at (562) 463-7271, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure ___ is also available at <https://www.riohondo.edu>.”

(d) As required by Section 53410 of the California Government Code (the “Government Code”), a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the Bond Measure ballot, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

Accountability Measures

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the Bond Measure:

- (i) The specific purpose of the Bonds is set forth in the full text of the Bond Measure; and
- (ii) The proceeds from the sale of the District's Bonds will be applied only for the purposes specified in the Bond Measure, and not for any other purpose; and
- (iii) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "County Treasurer"), as required by the Education Code; and
- (iv) The Superintendent/President of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the Bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in the Bond Measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

(e) The District hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet, pursuant to Section 15122.5 of the Education Code [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

"Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Rio Hondo 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."

(f) Pursuant to Section 18, Article XVI and Section 1, Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State, the foregoing Bond Measure shall become effective upon the favorable vote of no less than 55% of those qualified voters voting on the measure.

Section 5. The Bonds. (a) The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 of the Education Code (commencing with Section 15264), as amended, and Article XIII A shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum, and (b) the maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, as amended, applicable provisions of the Education Code and Article XIII A of the California Constitution shall not exceed

forty (40) years, or, in the case of bonds, the interest on which is compounded, twenty-five (25) years, and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum.

Section 6. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the Election is contained in the Act, Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b), subsection (3) of the California Constitution, and Section 53506 *et seq.* of the Government Code. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 7. District Facilities Projects. A list of the specific capital projects (the "Projects") to be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds is set forth in **Exhibit A** (the "Project List"). As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, enrollment and information technology needs of the District in developing the list of capital projects set forth in **Exhibit A**. The District understands that the costs of administering the Election, managing construction projects and costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be lawful charges against proceeds of sale of the Bonds.

Section 8. Covenants of the Board Upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate. As required by Article XIII A and Section 15278 of the Act, if fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the voters of the District voting on the Bond Measure approve the Bond Measure, the Board shall:

- a) Use the Bond proceeds only for the purposes of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities, as specifically set forth in **Exhibit A**, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries/pensions and other District operating expenses;
- b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond proceeds have been expended only on the capital projects listed in **Exhibit A** until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;
- c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for capital projects listed in **Exhibit A**;
- d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act, which may consist of some or all of the citizens' oversight committee members currently sitting; and
- e) Limit the amount of bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure so that the tax rate on taxable property located within the District required to repay such bonds will not, based on the District's reasonable expectations at the date of issuance, exceed \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Section 9. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to send or hand-deliver a completed and certified copy of this Resolution to each of the Superintendent of Schools of the County, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County and the Registrar of Voters no later than August 9, 2024.

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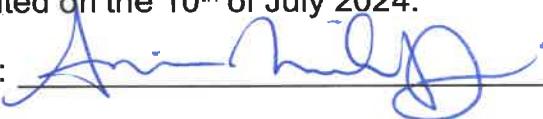
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Section 17. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


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Presented on the 10th of July 2024.

Signed: 

Dated: 7/10/24

Anais Medina Diaz, Board President
Rio Hondo Community College District

Signed: 

Dated: 07.10.2024

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

THIS RESOLUTION OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE IS HEREBY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 2024, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MOVED BY: Rosaelva Lomeli

SECONDED BY: Vicky Santana

AYES: Oscar Valledares, Rosaelva Lomeli, Vicky Santana, Kristal Orozco, Anais Medina Diaz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

TAX RATE STATEMENT
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE __

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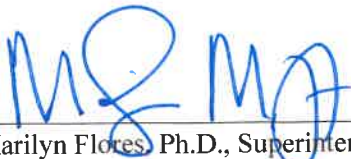
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Dated: July 10, 2024



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Re: Adopted Resolution of the Board of Trustees Río Hondo Community College District of Los Angeles County, State of California, Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024

Dear Mr. Yen and Mr. Logan:

We attach to this letter (and email) the adopted Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Río Hondo Community College District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024.

Pursuant to the requirements of a Proposition 39 general obligation bond election with the 55% voter threshold, the Resolution includes:

- Exhibit A – Full Text Ballot Measure and Project List
- Exhibit B – Short Form of Bond Measure (75-word ballot measure question)
- Exhibit C – Tax Rate Statement, signed by the District Superintendent/President

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See attached ballot measure letter designation form. Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

cc: Ann La Morena Rohlin, Bond Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (via email)
Khushroo F. Gheyara, CFW Advisory Services, LLC

Enclosures/Attachments

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BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 071024-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) is devoted to maintaining a high standard of education for all students, including classrooms and facilities that support excellent academic programs and high-quality instruction to prepare students for college/university transfer and careers; and,

WHEREAS, the District offers local students the ability to transfer to four-year universities and preparation for skilled careers, and by repairing and upgrading classrooms and facilities, the District can continue to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that District facilities need to be upgraded, repaired, expanded, improved and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable the District to also improve student safety and campus security; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”) provides very limited funding for community college facility improvements and in order to repair and upgrade aging college facilities, the District must identify local funding sources such as a college facilities improvement bond measure; and

WHEREAS, if approved by 55% of local voters, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would provide locally-controlled funding to complete basic repairs and upgrades like replacing leaky roofs, old plumbing, faulty electrical systems, and repair or replace outdated electrical, water and irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would modernize classrooms, labs, and equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology, including keeping computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date, and upgrading classrooms and career training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math and computer science; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure local college facilities are accessible by improving access for students and veterans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure student safety and campus security by improving security lighting, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older buildings, and retrofitting older buildings to make them earthquake safe; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District must include a clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing exactly how the funds would be used, a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure the funds would be spent properly, mandatory public disclosure of all spending, and a requirement that all funds raised would stay local and no funds could be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds shall be issued and sold for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing or equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 39, adopted by the voters of the State on November 7, 2000 ("Proposition 39"), comprising Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A"), the District may incur bonded indebtedness upon the vote of fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the qualified electors of the District voting on the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Education Code ("Education Code") Section 15264 *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, to submit to the electorate of the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings to be applicable to the within election order and to establish compliance with Proposition 39 and the applicable requirements of the Education Code and the California Elections Code (the "Elections Code"), as further specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections from experts of assessed property valuations and has determined that, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, 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 maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15270 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of 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, pursuant to Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, the Board now deems it appropriate and necessary to request consolidation of the election authorized hereby (the "Election") with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024, and to request the Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar of Voters") of Los Angeles County (the "County") to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bond Measure (defined below) to be considered at the Election includes requirements for strict accountability, including establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent annual financial and performance audits to ensure all bond proceeds are used effectively and as promised, with no funds going towards District administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District has paid or expects to pay certain expenses with respect to projects on the Project List (as defined herein) (the "Reimbursable Expenses") to which it desires to preserve its ability to reimburse the capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 39 and applicable law (the "Bonds"), as provided under section 1.150-2 of the regulations (the "Treasury Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code"); and,

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations provides that such an allocation will be respected only if, *inter alia*, the District has declared its reasonable official intent to reimburse costs of the projects on the Project List incurred prior to but in anticipation of the issuance of debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in one or more series from time to time in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$442,200,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of raising money for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in a ballot measure approved pursuant to Section 4 below.

Section 2. Order of Election. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Registrar of Voters to call the Election within the boundaries of the District on November 5, 2024. The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the Election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 3. Election Date and Consolidation. The date of the Election shall be November 5, 2024, and the Election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. Pursuant to Section 15121 of the Education Code and Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to

order consolidation of the community college bond election ordered herein with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. (a) The purpose of the Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on a measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Bond Measure”), containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act.

(b) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters. As required by Elections Code Sections 13119 and 13247, and Education Code Section 15122, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot appears below and is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**:

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District’s measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

The District’s Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, or any of their respective designees is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure or its abbreviated form as required to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

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“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. For a copy of the measure, contact the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 1 (800) 815-2666 or the Rio Hondo Community College District at (562) 463-7271, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure ___ is also available at <https://www.riohondo.edu>.”

(d) As required by Section 53410 of the California Government Code (the “Government Code”), a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the Bond Measure ballot, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

Accountability Measures

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the Bond Measure:

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- (iii) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "County Treasurer"), as required by the Education Code; and
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"Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Rio Hondo 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."

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Section 12. Reimbursement of Qualified Project Expenditures. The reimbursement of the Reimbursable Expenses is consistent with the District's budgetary and financial circumstances. There are no funds or other sources of funds of the District or any related person or controlled entity, that have been, or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside to pay the costs of the projects on the Project List to be paid or reimbursed out of the proceeds of the Bonds of the District which may be authorized following a successful Bond Election, and not otherwise, unless this Board shall take further action. The District reasonably expects to reimburse capital expenditures with respect to the projects on the Project List with proceeds of bonds that may hereafter be executed and delivered by or on behalf of the District, and this resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution is adopted for purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the District to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness or proceed with the financing, acquisition or construction of the projects on the Project List. The District recognizes that reimbursement allocations to which section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations applies by reason of this Resolution generally include only reimbursements of payments originally for capital expenditures made no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution. The maximum principal amount of Bonds and other obligations expected to be issued for the projects on the Project List is \$442,200,000.

Section 13. Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisor. The Board hereby approves the retention of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as bond counsel and CFW Advisory Services, LLC, as Municipal Advisor, pursuant to separate contracts to be entered into by the District.

Section 14. Ratification. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, or their respective designees, employees and agents of the Board and the District in connection with the financing of the facilities on the Project List are hereby ratified and confirmed. The officers and their designees, the employees and agents of the Board and the District are hereby authorized to take any and all actions in connection with the financing of such facilities and as may be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

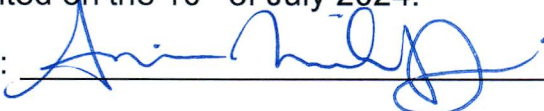
Section 15. Severability. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the severed portion.

Section 16. Authorization of Further Acts. The members of the Board, Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, any designee thereof, and all other staff or officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Presented on the 10th of July 2024.

Signed: 

Dated: 7/10/24

Anais Medina Diaz, Board President
Rio Hondo Community College District

Signed: 

Dated: 07.10.2024

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

THIS RESOLUTION OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES **IN SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE** IS HEREBY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 2024, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MOVED BY: Rosaelva Lomeli

SECONDED BY: Vicky Santana

AYES: Oscar Valledares, Rosaelva Lomeli, Vicky Santana, Kristal Orozco, Anais Medina Diaz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

EXHIBIT A
FULL TEXT BALLOT MEASURE
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure

To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District's measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) certifies that it has evaluated the District’s urgent and critical capital needs, including college and student safety issues, enrollment trends, energy efficiency and computer technology, seismic safety requirements, and aging, outdated or deteriorating campus buildings in developing the scope of projects. In developing the scope of projects, the District has prioritized the key health and safety and sustainability needs so that the most critical college site and facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted an evaluation at all District sites and received input in developing the scope of projects. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse and more expensive to address in the future. The Board concluded that protecting the quality of college facilities, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes is a wise investment. The Board also concluded that providing safe and updated learning facilities for our students is a wise investment. Because only those acquisitions and capital improvements included on this Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the bonds, the Board has listed many possible capital improvement projects and/or acquisitions. This does not mean that any or all of the projects listed on this Project List will be completed or funded. The placement of the listing of a particular capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains within the province of the Board by subsequent action. In approving this Project List, the Board determines that the District should:

GENERAL:

- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve facilities, including classrooms, labs, and learning spaces for general education and career education programs in fields including transfer education, nursing, fire and police academies, science, technology, engineering and other programs.
- Replace portable classrooms and spaces with new permanent facilities.
- Repair and replace roofs, windows, doors and fixtures, as needed.
- Construct and repair Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) building for existing and new programs, including, but not limited to the addition of engineering and computer science.
- Construct, acquire and repair permanent facilities for Health Sciences Center programs including, but not limited to nursing, Ortho-tech, biotech, dietician/nutrition, and medical coding programs.
- Expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) facilities, classrooms and labs for programs including, but not limited to advanced manufacturing, electrical, and construction.
- Upgrade and replace water and plumbing systems including water storage for domestic and firefighting use, supply to shower and locker rooms, science labs, drinking fountains, irrigation, fire sprinkler systems, and hydrants.
- Improve college safety and security by upgrading wiring, lighting, fire alarms, electronic keyless access control locks (i.e. smart locks) and security and communication systems.
- Improve and enhance disability access throughout the District, replace or renovate facilities and equipment, including elevators, to comply with federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and ensure ADA compliance.
- Provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to support new and modernized learning spaces.
- Construct, renovate, remodel, improve, including seismic renovations throughout the District, including all offsite locations and main campus.
- Construct and improve roadways, parking structures, parking facilities, walkways, grounds, wayfinding and signage.
- Upgrade and construct restrooms.
- Repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.
- Upgrade electrical systems to LED lighting.

- Provide up-to-date information and technology systems and equipment, including cable infrastructure, network expansion to support student access to technology and specialized equipment, wireless access points and administrative systems.
- Upgrade and improve faculty office spaces to accommodate faculty needs.
- Improve irrigation systems, landscaping, and athletic and physical education facilities.
- Finance or refinance real property purchases, leases, or prepay leases.
- Provide temporary facilities during facilities construction and renovations.
- Upgrade and improve infrastructure, sewers, streets and plumbing.
- Upgrade and improve lighting and paving, including but not limited to the pathway to the observatory.
- Acquire land and facilities for growth/expansion.
- Construct showers/locker rooms.
- Upgrade and improve the safety of the Vehicle Facilities Department equipment.
- Construct, renovate, remodel and improve Science and Business Education and Arts Buildings.
- Construct, renovate, remodel and improve Santa Fe Spring Fire Academy facilities.
- The District's Facilities Master Plan, as amended, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and is available for review on the District website.

Student Centered Campus:

- Construct and develop Centralized Student Support Space to meet students' study and instructional support needs.
- Upgrade and improve ADA access areas campus wide.
- Provide and furnish District facilities with benches, furniture, canopies, shade structures, informational kiosks.
- Repair and update outdoor amphitheater (quad) for Student events/gatherings/performances.
- Upgrade and improve hydration stations/drinking water (for water bottles) stations throughout the District.
- Acquire and construct District facilities, including for the purposes of student housing.

- Develop, improve and upgrade the child development center.

District and Campus Mobility - Pedestrian Circulation:

- Upgrade and improve ADA accessibility to connect the metro/bus station stops to the campus tram.
- Upgrade and improve adjacent stair-climb with mile markers to connect the metro/bus stop station stops to the top of campus.
- Develop, construct and repair upper terrace walk.
- Upgrade and improve campus-wide directional signage and mile markers.
- Construct and improve tram stops that are more accessible and sustainable to students.

Smart College & Classrooms:

- Upgrade and improve campus-wide WiFi system.
- Upgrade and improve smart classrooms/technology to foster innovative instruction.
- Upgrade and improve desks with plugs for technology/laptops; charging stations.
- Modernize electrical and technology infrastructure.

Safety and Security

- Upgrade blue light emergency system throughout campus.
- Upgrade and improve campus Police sub-station/Emergency/Safety Central Command Center.
- Enhance seismic and earthquake preparedness of existing facilities.
- Upgrade and improve security camera systems throughout campus.
- Modernize the Administration of Justice Annex for training of incumbent workforce.

Sustainability/Green Campus:

- Develop a Zero Net Energy District and campuses where, on a source energy basis, the actual annual consumed energy is less than or equal to the onsite renewable generated energy.
- Install, upgrade and repair solar panels/photovoltaic system on District premises, including but not limited to parking stall locations.
- Install, upgrade and repair Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in all parking-lots.

- Install, upgrade and repair new and energy efficient HVAC systems.
- Construct and upgrade water tower.
- Upgrade and improve utility lines.
- Upgrade electrical transformers.
- Upgrade back-up power generators.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve Alternative Energy Systems.

Athletics:

- Construct and renovate new and existing athletic facilities, including but not limited to Baseball and Softball venues, including field seating, bleachers, concessions stands, lighting, electronic score boards, fencing and restrooms.
- Upgrade pools and water sports facilities.
- Renovate existing gymnasium, including but not limited to the following improvements, bleachers, flooring, HVAC, and sporting fixtures and equipment.
- Upgrade existing tennis court.
- Upgrade, improve and repair performing arts centers, including but not limited to the Music/Wray Theater and Campus Inn or replace with a larger facility that would accommodate performance and meeting spaces..

Additional Facilities:

- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve off-site Educational Centers.
- Renovate and upgrade Administration Building.
- Develop, construct and maintain venue for performances and graduations.
- Construct and maintain Faculty & Staff Equity Training Center.
- Construct, renovate, improve, repair the L Tower.
- Construct, acquire and maintain Central Warehouse.
- Construct, acquire and maintain Fire Academy buildings.
- Construct, acquire and maintain Police Academy annex, including but not limited to, shooting range and scenario village training facilities.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve satellite campus locations.

Listed building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment; the acquisition, construction, repair, renovation and modernization of existing and new classrooms and other facilities to serve students; the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations, as applicable; repairs and replacement of faculty and administrative support spaces; the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring) and construction documentation; and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to: projectors and display systems; media control stations; portable interface devices; centralized storage and backup systems; uninterruptible power supplies; racks; servers; switches; routers; modules; sound systems; access control systems; printers; digital white boards; document projectors and cameras; upgraded voice-over IP; communications software and systems; collaborative systems; network management software; enterprise-wide software system replacement or upgrade; network security/firewall; wiring and cabling; Wi-Fi capabilities, access points and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

In addition to the projects listed above, the acquisition, construction, repair and renovation of District facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; repair and replacement of heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiency and to reduce fire risks; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaking roofs, insulation, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; demolition of unsafe facilities; installation of wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computing devices, technology and other electrical devices and needs; repairing and replacing fire alarms, emergency power, communications and security systems; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; upgrading or replacing libraries, and faculty spaces; updating gymnasium and other athletic venues; installing artificial surfaces, flooring, field seating, bleachers, concessions, lighting and restrooms; improving sanitation and recycling; expanding parking; installing interior and exterior painting and floor covering; installing covered walkways; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces; replacing water and sewer lines and other plumbing systems; improving food services, purchasing and warehouse facilities, and replacing outdated security systems.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State of California (the "State") matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may undertake fewer than all of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies.

Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, storm drain, and utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating or repairing fire access roads and paths of travel, 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 costs 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.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS MEASURE SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES OR PENSIONS OR OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

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 (CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15278 *ET SEQ.*) TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATIVES 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.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of Measure ___ by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$442,200,000 in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific District facilities projects listed in the Project List as set forth above, subject to the accountability requirements specified below. The bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the bonds are issued.

FUNDS PROTECTED FOR LOCAL USE

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Measure ___ will be used solely on local projects and will not be subject to appropriation by agencies outside of the District.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in Measure ___ in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at California Education Code Sections 15264 and following). The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, as required by the California Education Code, and will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure ___ and not for any other purpose.

Evaluation of Needs: The Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated enrollment growth, student safety, class size accommodation, repairs/upgrades to District facilities, and technology needs in developing the Project List as set forth above.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee: The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under California Education Code Section 15278 to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the District facilities projects listed above. The Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the District facilities projects listed as set forth above.

Financial Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the District facilities projects listed above.

Annual Report: The Superintendent/President of the District is required to cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in Measure ___ as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the California Government Code.

COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Completion of the bond projects listed above is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Bond Measure. The District's proposal for the 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 or additional measures. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure ___, and not for any other purpose.

SCOPE OF PROJECTS

Bond proceeds will be expended to update, repair, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve educational and support facilities within the District. Projects which are described above include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architectural and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire real property (or any interest in real property) for future educational and support facilities and to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other educational facilities within the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects which are described above as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction.

Whenever specific items are included in the above list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion. Projects at each site will be accomplished to address the individual site deficiencies and priorities as enumerated in the District's Facilities Master Plan and Technology Master Plan.

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EXHIBIT B
SHORT FORM OF BOND MEASURE

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District's measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

TAX RATE STATEMENT
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE __

An election will be held in the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$442,200,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

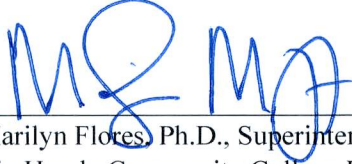
Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2058-59.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year is 2058-59.
3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$989,140,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on Los Angeles County’s official tax rolls, *not* on the property’s market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: July 10, 2024



Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District



11-05-2024
ELECTION DATE

Rio Hondo Community College District

JURISDICTION NAME

County of LA Official Use Only: Date Received Time Received

LETTER DESIGNATION FORM

Please complete this form in order to select your first, second, and third letter designation choice for your jurisdiction's measure to appear on the ballot. In the event your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice is unavailable, then please select the letter(s) designations that the jurisdiction DOES NOT want selected for its measure. The 3rd option for letter designations would be to create a unique letter designation that is not identified below using less than three letters of the alphabet. For example: County of Los Angeles USD Facilities Improvement measure could use unique letter designations such as CL, LA, LU, UC, LS.

Select your first, second, and third letter designation choice by checking off and listing the designated letters below:

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CHOICES

1ST RH 2ND R 3RD C

Select the letters that your jurisdiction DOES NOT want assigned to its measure by marking the letter with an X:

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List the Letters here: A, F, N



RÍO HONDO COLLEGE

BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 071024-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Rio Hondo Community College District (the “District”) is devoted to maintaining a high standard of education for all students, including classrooms and facilities that support excellent academic programs and high-quality instruction to prepare students for college/university transfer and careers; and,

WHEREAS, the District offers local students the ability to transfer to four-year universities and preparation for skilled careers, and by repairing and upgrading classrooms and facilities, the District can continue to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that District facilities need to be upgraded, repaired, expanded, improved and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable the District to also improve student safety and campus security; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”) provides very limited funding for community college facility improvements and in order to repair and upgrade aging college facilities, the District must identify local funding sources such as a college facilities improvement bond measure; and

WHEREAS, if approved by 55% of local voters, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would provide locally-controlled funding to complete basic repairs and upgrades like replacing leaky roofs, old plumbing, faulty electrical systems, and repair or replace outdated electrical, water and irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would modernize classrooms, labs, and equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology, including keeping computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date, and upgrading classrooms and career training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math and computer science; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure local college facilities are accessible by improving access for students and veterans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District would help ensure student safety and campus security by improving security lighting, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older buildings, and retrofitting older buildings to make them earthquake safe; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement bond measure for the District must include a clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing exactly how the funds would be used, a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure the funds would be spent properly, mandatory public disclosure of all spending, and a requirement that all funds raised would stay local and no funds could be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds shall be issued and sold for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing or equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 39, adopted by the voters of the State on November 7, 2000 ("Proposition 39"), comprising Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A"), the District may incur bonded indebtedness upon the vote of fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the qualified electors of the District voting on the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Education Code ("Education Code") Section 15264 *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, to submit to the electorate of the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings to be applicable to the within election order and to establish compliance with Proposition 39 and the applicable requirements of the Education Code and the California Elections Code (the "Elections Code"), as further specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections from experts of assessed property valuations and has determined that, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, 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 maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15270 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of 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, pursuant to Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, the Board now deems it appropriate and necessary to request consolidation of the election authorized hereby (the "Election") with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024, and to request the Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar of Voters") of Los Angeles County (the "County") to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bond Measure (defined below) to be considered at the Election includes requirements for strict accountability, including establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent annual financial and performance audits to ensure all bond proceeds are used effectively and as promised, with no funds going towards District administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District has paid or expects to pay certain expenses with respect to projects on the Project List (as defined herein) (the "Reimbursable Expenses") to which it desires to preserve its ability to reimburse the capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 39 and applicable law (the "Bonds"), as provided under section 1.150-2 of the regulations (the "Treasury Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code"); and,

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations provides that such an allocation will be respected only if, *inter alia*, the District has declared its reasonable official intent to reimburse costs of the projects on the Project List incurred prior to but in anticipation of the issuance of debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in one or more series from time to time in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$442,200,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of raising money for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in a ballot measure approved pursuant to Section 4 below.

Section 2. Order of Election. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Registrar of Voters to call the Election within the boundaries of the District on November 5, 2024. The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the Election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 3. Election Date and Consolidation. The date of the Election shall be November 5, 2024, and the Election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. Pursuant to Section 15121 of the Education Code and Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to

order consolidation of the community college bond election ordered herein with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. (a) The purpose of the Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on a measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Bond Measure”), containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act.

(b) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters. As required by Elections Code Sections 13119 and 13247, and Education Code Section 15122, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot appears below and is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**:

Rio Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District’s measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?

The District’s Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, or any of their respective designees is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure or its abbreviated form as required to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

(c) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. If the full text of the Bond Measure is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the Bond Measure, in no less than 10 point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. For a copy of the measure, contact the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 1 (800) 815-2666 or the Rio Hondo Community College District at (562) 463-7271, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure ___ is also available at <https://www.riohondo.edu>.”

(d) As required by Section 53410 of the California Government Code (the “Government Code”), a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the Bond Measure ballot, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

Accountability Measures

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the Bond Measure:

- (i) The specific purpose of the Bonds is set forth in the full text of the Bond Measure; and
- (ii) The proceeds from the sale of the District's Bonds will be applied only for the purposes specified in the Bond Measure, and not for any other purpose; and
- (iii) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "County Treasurer"), as required by the Education Code; and
- (iv) The Superintendent/President of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the Bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in the Bond Measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

(e) The District hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet, pursuant to Section 15122.5 of the Education Code [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

"Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Rio Hondo 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."

(f) Pursuant to Section 18, Article XVI and Section 1, Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State, the foregoing Bond Measure shall become effective upon the favorable vote of no less than 55% of those qualified voters voting on the measure.

Section 5. The Bonds. (a) The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 of the Education Code (commencing with Section 15264), as amended, and Article XIII A shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum, and (b) the maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, as amended, applicable provisions of the Education Code and Article XIII A of the California Constitution shall not exceed

forty (40) years, or, in the case of bonds, the interest on which is compounded, twenty-five (25) years, and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum.

Section 6. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the Election is contained in the Act, Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b), subsection (3) of the California Constitution, and Section 53506 *et seq.* of the Government Code. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 7. District Facilities Projects. A list of the specific capital projects (the "Projects") to be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds is set forth in **Exhibit A** (the "Project List"). As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, enrollment and information technology needs of the District in developing the list of capital projects set forth in **Exhibit A**. The District understands that the costs of administering the Election, managing construction projects and costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be lawful charges against proceeds of sale of the Bonds.

Section 8. Covenants of the Board Upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate. As required by Article XIII A and Section 15278 of the Act, if fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the voters of the District voting on the Bond Measure approve the Bond Measure, the Board shall:

- a) Use the Bond proceeds only for the purposes of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of District facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for District facilities, as specifically set forth in **Exhibit A**, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries/pensions and other District operating expenses;
- b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond proceeds have been expended only on the capital projects listed in **Exhibit A** until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;
- c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for capital projects listed in **Exhibit A**;
- d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act, which may consist of some or all of the citizens' oversight committee members currently sitting; and
- e) Limit the amount of bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure so that the tax rate on taxable property located within the District required to repay such bonds will not, based on the District's reasonable expectations at the date of issuance, exceed \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Section 9. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to send or hand-deliver a completed and certified copy of this Resolution to each of the Superintendent of Schools of the County, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County and the Registrar of Voters no later than August 9, 2024.

Section 10. Tax Rate Statement; Ballot Arguments. Any one of the Superintendent/President of the District, the President of the Board, or their designees, is hereby authorized to execute the Tax Rate Statement attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and any other required documents and to perform all acts necessary to place the Bond Measure on the ballot. The Tax Rate Statement shall be delivered to the Registrar of Voters on or before August 9, 2024. Any member of the Board is hereby authorized to act as an author of or signer to any ballot argument prepared in connection with the Election, including a rebuttal argument.

Section 11. Consolidation of Election; Election Services. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate officials of the County, to render all services necessary in connection with the Election including, but not limited to, publication of a Formal Notice of Community College Bond Election pursuant to Education Code Section 5363 and related law, the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code), the opportunity to submit ballot arguments in connection with the Election, the canvassing and certification of the returns of the Election, and other ballot requirements pursuant to Education Code Section 15123, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the County as required by law.

Section 12. Reimbursement of Qualified Project Expenditures. The reimbursement of the Reimbursable Expenses is consistent with the District's budgetary and financial circumstances. There are no funds or other sources of funds of the District or any related person or controlled entity, that have been, or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside to pay the costs of the projects on the Project List to be paid or reimbursed out of the proceeds of the Bonds of the District which may be authorized following a successful Bond Election, and not otherwise, unless this Board shall take further action. The District reasonably expects to reimburse capital expenditures with respect to the projects on the Project List with proceeds of bonds that may hereafter be executed and delivered by or on behalf of the District, and this resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution is adopted for purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the District to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness or proceed with the financing, acquisition or construction of the projects on the Project List. The District recognizes that reimbursement allocations to which section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations applies by reason of this Resolution generally include only reimbursements of payments originally for capital expenditures made no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution. The maximum principal amount of Bonds and other obligations expected to be issued for the projects on the Project List is \$442,200,000.

Section 13. Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisor. The Board hereby approves the retention of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as bond counsel and CFW Advisory Services, LLC, as Municipal Advisor, pursuant to separate contracts to be entered into by the District.

Section 14. Ratification. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, or their respective designees, employees and agents of the Board and the District in connection with the financing of the facilities on the Project List are hereby ratified and confirmed. The officers and their designees, the employees and agents of the Board and the District are hereby authorized to take any and all actions in connection with the financing of such facilities and as may be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

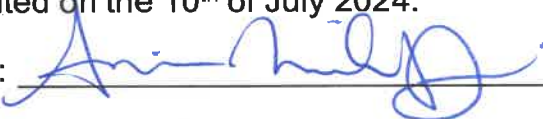
Section 15. Severability. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the severed portion.

Section 16. Authorization of Further Acts. The members of the Board, Superintendent/President, Vice-President, Finance and Business, any designee thereof, and all other staff or officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


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Presented on the 10th of July 2024.

Signed: 

Dated: 7/10/24

Anais Medina Diaz, Board President
Rio Hondo Community College District

Signed: 

Dated: 07.10.2024

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

THIS RESOLUTION OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE IS HEREBY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 2024, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MOVED BY: Rosaelva Lomeli

SECONDED BY: Vicky Santana

AYES: Oscar Valledares, Rosaelva Lomeli, Vicky Santana, Kristal Orozco, Anais Medina Diaz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

TAX RATE STATEMENT
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE __

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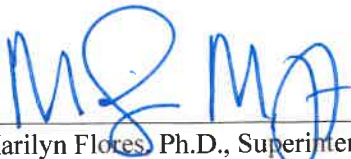
Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2058-59.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year is 2058-59.
3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$989,140,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

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Dated: July 10, 2024



Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

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Dated: July 10, 2024



Marilyn Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District



July 18, 2024

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Re: Adopted Resolution of the Board of Trustees Río Hondo Community College District of Los Angeles County, State of California, Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024

Dear Mr. Yen and Mr. Logan:

We attach to this letter (and email) the adopted Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Río Hondo Community College District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024.

Pursuant to the requirements of a Proposition 39 general obligation bond election with the 55% voter threshold, the Resolution includes:

- Exhibit A – Full Text Ballot Measure and Project List
- Exhibit B – Short Form of Bond Measure (75-word ballot measure question)
- Exhibit C – Tax Rate Statement, signed by the District Superintendent/President

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See attached ballot measure letter designation form. Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Flores, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo Community College District

cc: Ann La Morena Rohlin, Bond Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (via email)
Khushroo F. Gheyara, CFW Advisory Services, LLC

Enclosures/Attachments

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