

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE O
RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

“Santa Ana College/Santiago Canyon College Fire Training Facility, Classroom Expansion, Renovation, and Technology Measure. To improve facilities for job training and university transfer, expand firefighter, nursing, and law enforcement programs, upgrade technology, construct science and fire training facilities, upgrade security and communications systems, repair, acquire, construct, and equip buildings, sites, classrooms, shall Rancho Santiago Community College District issue \$393,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, and appoint an independent **Citizens’ Oversight Committee** to monitor spending and perform annual audits?”

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Rancho Santiago Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of students and the community, evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including: providing sufficient classrooms and laboratories to offer more courses and programs to students close to home, facility maintenance, safety issues, class offerings, neighborhood safety and parking, energy cost reduction, information and computer technology, public safety, job training facilities, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the Santa Ana College Facilities Master Plan, as approved in May 2006, and in the Santiago Canyon College Facilities Master Plan approved in July 2005, together the “Facilities Master Plans” each incorporated herein, and as shall be amended from time to time. In developing the scope of projects, the faculty, staff and students have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical needs and the most urgent and basic repairs, that will make all campuses clean and safe for learning, are addressed. The Board conducted facilities evaluations and received public input and review in developing the scope of college facility projects to be funded, as listed in the Facilities Master Plans. This input of faculty and community leaders concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the campuses will be unable to remain competitive in preparing adult learners for current and emerging growth industries and university transfer. **In preparing the Facilities Master Plans, the Board of Trustees determined that both Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College must:**

- **Provide facilities, within a close driving distance, to enhance the delivery of instruction and training programs.**
- **Provide additional classrooms to allow greater access to two-year degree programs and expand transfer opportunities for the completion of bachelor’s degree programs;**
- **Expand classrooms, laboratories, and training facilities for firefighters, nurses and law enforcement officers;**
- **Renovate existing classrooms and vocational training facilities to expand student access to technology, promote safety, and ensure energy efficiency.**

The Facilities Master Plans are on file and available for review at the District Chancellor’s Office, as well as at the offices of the Presidents of Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College, and include the projects listed below.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE, Santa Ana Campus

- **Upgrade, Repair, Equip, and/or Replace Obsolete Classrooms, Science and Computer Laboratories, Library, Instructional Facilities, and Utilities; Meet Demands of Changing Workforce; Improve Disabled Access:**

Upgrade buildings to include educational equipment and laboratories, provide state-of-the-art computer technology capability for students, repair, build, upgrade and/or replace roofs, walls, ceiling tiles and flooring, plumbing, sewer and drainage systems, inefficient electrical systems and wiring, restrooms, heating, ventilation and cooling systems, foundations, telecommunications systems, classrooms, the auto/diesel, welding and machine shop, planetarium, fields, courts and grounds, library, media/video facilities, administrative facilities, and public safety facilities, wire classrooms for computers and other technology. Increase energy efficiency, acquire equipment to increase safety, reduce fire hazards with new emergency communications systems including alarms, smoke detectors, fire safety doors and sprinklers, reduce operating cost through the installation of energy efficient systems to direct resources to the offering of more classes and job training, improve academic instruction, meet legal requirements for disabled access.

- **Construct Science and Math Classroom/Building and Fire Training Facility, Expand Classroom and Facility Capacity:**

Increase permanent classroom and facility capacity for academic and job training classes, including a fire training facility, math, science, health care and public safety programs, a fine and performing arts/digital music center, campus stadium, upgrade science laboratories, physical and health education, and applied arts and sciences facilities, upgrade campus technology, and construct “smart classrooms” to improve technology-enhanced learning, acquire land, demolish deteriorated buildings, and construct interim facilities for students.

- **Improve Emergency Access & Pedestrian Safety:**

Improve campus road network and parking areas, improve pedestrian safety and increase access for emergency vehicles.

- **Upgrade Technology:**

Provide state-of-the-art technology facilities, upgrade Internet, wireless and cable technology access, build “smart classrooms” to improve instruction, enhance distance learning opportunities, upgrade telecommunications systems, upgrade campus-wide technology, replace outdated computers, replace computer network equipment, purchase software, and install wiring upgrades.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE, Garden Grove Center

- **Expand Classroom Capacity:**

Acquire land to build classroom and laboratory facilities to expand access to coursework leading to Associates degrees, university transfer courses, and/or job training.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE, Downtown Educational Center and Continuing Education Center

- **Expand Classroom Capacity:**

Acquire land and/or renovate existing buildings to provide students living near or within a reasonable distance to downtown Santa Ana with classes that lead to Associate degrees, university transfer and job training programs. Develop a childcare center on-site (for student and community use) to expand access to working adults.

SANTIAGO CANYON COLLEGE

- **Upgrade Technology:**

Provide state-of-the-art technology facilities, upgrade Internet, wireless and cable technology access, build “smart classrooms” to enhance instruction, upgrade telecommunication systems, upgrade campus-wide technology, replace outdated computers, replace network infrastructure equipment, purchase software, and install wiring upgrades.

- **Upgrade, Repair, Equip, and/or Replace Temporary Classrooms, and Other Facilities, Sites and Utilities, Construct Academic Facilities to Expand Classroom and Performance Capacity**

Upgrade, repair, and/or replace roofs, walls, ceiling tiles and flooring, plumbing, sewer, and drainage systems, inefficient electrical systems and wiring, restrooms, heating, ventilation and cooling systems, telecommunications systems, data center, foundations, fields and grounds, classrooms, lecture halls, other faculty, administrative and instructional facilities, construct a visual and performing arts center to support both curriculum and community interest activities and multi-purpose facility, student/community service building, gym and locker rooms, upgrade athletic fields and support functions, build an aquatics center, wire classrooms for computers and technology, install energy efficient systems, paint interior walls, acquire equipment, reduce fire hazards through the installation of emergency exit signs, and install emergency generators, expand parking capacity and facilities, reduce operating costs in order to, direct resources to classroom instruction and job training, enhance the quality of academic programs, and enable the college to meet the legal requirements for disabled access.

DISTRICT-WIDE PROJECTS

- **Provide greater access to technology; acquire, upgrade and install new and improved software systems, upgrade telephone system and electrical wiring, Internet access, wireless and cable technology, fiber optics and network infrastructure for computers and telecommunication systems.**
- **Acquire property for new facilities to accommodate growing population and to better serve new populations in the District.**

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 management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State bond funds and the final costs of each project. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Each project shall be subject to open bidding requirements and all construction contracts will be subject to applicable federal and state laws governing local government projects. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for modernization, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

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

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

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE O**

The California Constitution provides that community college districts may issue general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, with the approval of 55% of the voters of the district, voting at an election for that purpose. The California Constitution further provides that the bond measure must include a requirement that the bond proceeds will be used only for the permitted purposes and other requirements designed to ensure accountability.

The Rancho Santiago Community College District has proposed to the voters that general obligation bonds of the community college district be issued in the amount of \$393,000,000 and that ad valorem taxes be levied upon taxable property in the district to repay the bonded indebtedness. The measure provides that proceeds from the sale of the bonds will generally be used to improve, renovate and construct facilities at Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College, including upgrading technology and telecommunications systems, fire safety systems and electrical wiring; construction of science and math and fire training facilities, and a performing arts center, gym and aquatics center; and acquisition of land for new classroom and laboratory facilities.

The measure provides that a citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended. In addition, annual performance and financial audits will be conducted. The measure further provides that bond proceeds will not be used for teacher or administrator salaries or other district operating expenses.

The Board of Trustees of the Rancho Santiago Community College District has called the election for the purpose of submitting the measure to the voters within the district. If 55% of the voters of the district voting on the measure vote yes, the district may proceed to sell the bonds and levy the related taxes as estimated in the Tax Rate Statement. A no vote on this measure will disapprove the issuance of the bonds and the levy of the taxes for such bonded indebtedness.

Approval of Measure O does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in Rancho Santiago Community College District that are the subject of bonds under Measure O will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure O. 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.

TAX RATE STATEMENT
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REGARDING PROPOSED
\$393,000,000
RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE O

An election will be held in Rancho Santiago Community College District (the "District") on November 7, 2006, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring a bonded indebtedness of the District in a principal amount of \$393 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, and assuming the entire debt service will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is \$24.99 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for the year 2008-09.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$24.99 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for the year 2012-13.

3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the first year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuation available at the time of filing of this statement is \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for the year 2022-23.

Attention to all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual times of sales of said bonds and the amount sold at any given 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 in any event will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sales. The actual assessed values in the future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Hence, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated as above stated.

s/ Dr. Edward Hernandez, Jr., Chancellor
Rancho Santiago Community College District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

**Santa Ana College/Santiago Canyon College
Fire Training Facility, Classroom Expansion, Renovation, and Technology Measure**

Measure O will enable the Rancho Santiago Community College District to renovate and build classrooms, science labs, and a firefighter training facility; upgrade technology; expand training programs for nurses and law enforcement; and upgrade communications and security systems at Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

The colleges provide courses and training to tens of thousands of local residents each year, enabling them to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities; obtain professional certificates for immediate workforce entry; earn two-year Associate Degrees; and gain training for career advancement.

Contributes to student success

Both colleges are growing in enrollment. The current facilities cannot keep pace with projected enrollment growth. Within five years, the cities of Santa Ana and Orange will add more than 10,000 new homes alone. Measure O will address these needs by increasing access to classes, expanding science laboratories and upgrading classroom technology to prepare students for university transfer, professional certificates for workforce entry, and the attainment of Associate Degrees.

Beneficial to the entire community

By providing modernized facilities, Measure O will ensure that local public health and safety professionals are trained and ready to serve the needs of our community. More than 400 students are on a waiting list for the nursing program but cannot be accommodated due to the lack of classroom and lab space. Measure O will fund expanded training facilities for nurses, firefighters, and law enforcement.

Education dollars stay here

Every dollar from Measure O will stay locally and will not be sent to Sacramento.

Taxpayer safeguards

An Independent Oversight Committee will oversee expenditures and conduct an annual financial audit that will be published in local media outlets to ensure fiscal accountability. Measure O funds will only be used for capital improvements and not for administrative salaries.

Yes on Measure O

s/ Miguel A. Pulido
Mayor of City of Santa Ana

s/ Paul M. Walters
Chief of Police of the City of Santa Ana

s/ Patti Cole
President of Orange Rotary Club

s/ Vince F. Bonacker
Fire Chief of the City of Orange

s/ Lisa Woolery
Member Board of Trustees Rancho Santiago Community College District

No argument against this measure was submitted.