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LOS ANGELES VOTERS APPROVE \$5.3 BILLION FACILITIES BOND MEASURE FOR LACCD COMMUNITY COLLEGES

LOS ANGELES – LA voters handily approve Measure LA, the \$5.3 billion facilities bond which will provide immediate infrastructure repair and technology upgrades for all nine Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) campuses. The district now has the green light to invest in sustainability, athletics facilities, and other critical improvements throughout the system.

“Upgrading and modernizing facilities will provide a competitive advantage for the region’s higher educational needs,” said LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez. “I remain remarkably grateful for the support and confidence of the Los Angeles community. Our voters understand the tremendous impact this investment will have on our current and future students and the connection between education and a prosperous future.”

“As a historic move, Measure LA is the first time voters approved a multi-billion dollar facilities upgrade that dedicates up to \$500 million for future development, including student and workforce housing,” said LACCD Board President Gabriel Buelna. “This shows that Los Angeles understands how LACCD community colleges remain a critical component in assuring all within our region have access to education, as well as housing. With this measure’s passing, a partnership between local, LA County, Statewide, federal and philanthropic dollars to develop a sustainable plan for student housing is urgent. LACCD has received the message that immediate action is necessary regarding addressing student basic needs, including student housing, and LACCD will move swiftly to meet its obligation as approved by voters.”

Measure LA will upgrade, repair, increase and expand access to affordable education for the Los Angeles region. This will additionally prepare college students for university transfer, expand access to training programs, and provide essential job skills to prepare students for 21st-century jobs.

The bonds will directly go towards repairs and upgrades to LACCD community colleges. The improvements to classrooms, water pipes, sewer/gas lines, technology, and science labs will prepare college students for jobs in manufacturing, biotech, nursing, engineering, and many other high-demand careers.

Part of the measure bolsters LACCD's commitment to eliminating the digital divide by funding technology to ensure all within the district have access to quality broadband. Another is upgrading sports facilities that have not seen attention for decades. Los Angeles voters agree that access to technology and sports facilities is key to the educational process and part of building connected and healthy communities.

To ensure continual oversight of the funding, a civilian oversight committee will be formed. This accountability will ensure that bond funds are invested as the voters intended and that projects are transparently and efficiently delivered to the District and its constituents.

"These funds will not only be held to the highest fiscal and sustainability standards, but they will enrich the learning environment to give our students the best possible education as they enter the future workforce," said LACCD Board Vice President and Chair of the Facilities Master Planning and Oversight Committee David Vela. "This will also positively impact the local community as a new labor force is ready for employment opportunities in numerous industries, businesses, and community enterprises."

About the Los Angeles Community College District LACCD is *Where Los Angeles Learns!* LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 210,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Learn more about our L.A. College Promise program of free tuition at OurPromiseYourPath.

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