

WHAT IS MEASURE CC

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees authorized placing a \$3.3 billion facilities bond measure titled, the “Affordable Education/Job Training/Classroom Safety Measure,” on the November 8, 2016, ballot:

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

Measure CC requires a fifty-five percent (55%) vote for passage.

WHY IS LACCD PROPOSING MEASURE CC

Measure CC will go a significant way towards constructing and improving much-needed facilities throughout the nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District.

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buildings, classrooms, science labs, and job training equipment at Los Angeles community colleges are deteriorating and outdated – about a third were built more than 40 years ago.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

Based on the State’s Facility Condition Index (FCI) report, \$1 billion alone is needed to bring LACCD’s facilities up to current state-mandated standards. If these facility needs are not addressed now, the District’s colleges would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for jobs in high demand industries and university transfer.



ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

For more than 75 years, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has made higher education affordable and accessible to more than 3 million students, 80 percent of whom come from underserved populations. LACCD, the largest community college district in the nation, serves nearly 250,000 students per year at nine colleges that span an area of 900 square miles. Buoyed by a mission to provide its students with an excellent education that prepares them to transfer to four-year institutions or equip them with the necessary tools and skills to compete in a 21st century economy by offering workforce development programs. More than any other California system of higher education, community colleges offer a first - and a second - and sometimes only chance for anyone who wants to succeed.

LOCAL IMPACT OF MEASURE CC

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

To make sure every community benefits this bond measure requires funds be used to improve all nine community colleges in the Los Angeles area. This will ensure that local students, veterans and workers have access to a quality college education and job training programs that are affordable in their communities.

Under LACCD's current Community Economic Development Program, the District has set goals to have a minimum 35% of all skilled trade positions for project work be filled by workers residing in the District and that a minimum 10% of these local resident hires be Disadvantaged Workers and/or Veterans.

ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS OF THE MEASURE

This bond measure includes strict accountability requirements, including independent annual financial and performance audits to make sure all funds are used effectively, efficiently, and locally to improve our community colleges.

All bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that all funds are spent as promised and as specified in the Measure.

The District will create an account into which bond proceeds will be deposited for stated purposes. The District will comply with the reporting requirements as specified by Government Code.

No bond monies will be used for administrator salaries or pensions.

COST TO THE TAXPAYER FOR MEASURE CC

The maximum rate of interest on any bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by law. According to the LACCD Tax Rate Statement, the best estimate of the highest tax rate required to be levied to fund the bonds is \$15 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property taxed in fiscal year 2017-18.