

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

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**MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COLLEGE OF MARIN JOB TRAINING, CLASSROOM
PRESERVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL,
SAFETY IMPROVEMENT BOND
MEASURE C**

C To provide affordable job training and four-year college preparation by using environmental building practices to improve science labs, classrooms, libraries, maintaining educational facilities, updating technology, wiring, improving energy efficiency, fire safety, campus security, disabled access, and repairing, constructing, acquiring, equipping classrooms, labs, sites, facilities, shall Marin Community College District issue \$249,500,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with annual audits, citizen oversight, no money for administrator salaries?

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FULL TEXT OF MEASURE C**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has determined that certain facilities and equipment within the Marin Community College District (the "District"), within Marin County ("Marin County") need to be maintained, acquired, constructed, improved, equipped and furnished to enable the District to maintain both of its Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses as valuable community resources, to train and retrain local residents for higher-paying and skilled jobs, and to enhance the educational opportunities of the students in the District who desire to transfer to four-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, due to the age and condition of many of the District's facilities, the District has been less able to provide necessary education programs and thus College of Marin must act to maintain its campuses and provide a balance of job training and general education classes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the maintenance, modernization and replacement of worn-out classrooms, buildings, laboratories and instructional equipment; the provision of state-of-the-art computer technology; the installation of fire safety equipment; the improvement of electrical, lighting, ventilation and fire detection systems in existing classrooms; the need for pedestrian, cyclists, and disabled student access improvements; and the improvement of campus safety are also among the highest priorities of the Board; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding ongoing efforts to obtain sufficient facility money from the State of California (the "State"), the State has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain the College of Marin's campuses in Kentfield and Indian Valley for all their students; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional funding for such facility, technology, safety and accessibility needs by means of a general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State of California on June 3, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money to be used for administrator salaries and expenses be strictly enforced by a Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on November 2, 2004, and to request the Marin County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District; and

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

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

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Marin County Registrar of Voters to call an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$249,500,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold to raise money for the purposes described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 2, 2004.

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

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

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(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B", evaluated the safety, class size and offerings and information technology needs of the District;

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

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

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

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

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

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

Section 6. That the Marin County Registrar of Voters and the Marin County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 2, 2004 within the District.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall stand as the "order of election" to the Marin County Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 2, 2004.

Section 8. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Marin County Registrar of Voters no later than July 22, 2004.

Section 9. That the maturity of any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and Bonds issued pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code shall not exceed the maturity limits set forth therein, respectively. The maximum interest rate on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

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

Section 11. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Marin County are requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Marin County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of

School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

EXHIBIT A

College of Marin Job Training, Classroom Preservation, Environmental, Safety Improvement Measure: "To provide affordable job training and four-year college preparation by using environmental building practices to improve science labs, classrooms, libraries, maintaining educational facilities, updating technology, wiring, improving energy efficiency, fire safety, campus security, disabled access, and repairing, constructing, acquiring, equipping classrooms, labs, sites, facilities, shall Marin Community College District issue \$249,500,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with **annual audits, citizen oversight**, no money for administrator salaries?"

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2004

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters of the Marin Community College District.

College of Marin Job Training, Classroom Preservation, Environmental, Safety Improvement Measure: "To provide affordable job training and four-year college preparation by:

- Using environmental building practices to improve science labs, classrooms, libraries,
- Maintaining educational facilities,
- Updating technology, wiring,
- Improving energy efficiency, fire safety, campus security, disabled access,

and repairing, constructing, acquiring, equipping classrooms, labs, sites, facilities, shall Marin Community College District issue \$249,500,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with **annual audits, citizen oversight**, no money for administrator salaries?"

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Marin Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of students and the community, evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including facility maintenance, safety issues, class offerings, energy cost reduction and information and computer technology. The District performed a Facilities Condition Assessment Study which showed that the District's facilities were in the lowest 10% of all California community colleges. The District also held public meetings throughout Marin County over an 18-month period to identify community priorities, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the District's Facilities Master Plan (the "Facilities Master Plan"), dated as of January 9, 2004 accepted by the Board of Trustees, incorporated herein, and as shall be further amended from time to time. In developing the scope of projects the students, faculty and

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staff have prioritized the key health and safety needs so the most critical needs and the most urgent and basic repairs that will make both campuses the clean and safe for learning are addressed and, in response to community concerns, scaled back the project list to use bond funds only for those projects which directly impact the quality of student learning. The Board conducted independent 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 Plan. This input of faculty and community leaders concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse. **In preparing the Facilities Master Plan the Board of Trustees made six important determinations:**

- (i) **It is critically important that all improvements at the College of Marin contribute to the preservation of the local environment, reflect architecture which will be sustainable and fit within the character of the area, and contribute to the reduction of levels of Marin County traffic congestion;**
- (ii) **College of Marin programs to embrace job training skills must emphasize career opportunities which will help improve the local economy;**
- (iii) **College of Marin must provide affordable educational opportunities, facilities and classes for academic programs for students who want to transfer to four-year colleges;**
- (iv) **College of Marin must upgrade job training classrooms to meet the demands of a changing workforce particularly with state-of-the-art wiring and infrastructure for computers and other multimedia;**
- (v) **College of Marin must help provide a better-educated workforce which will benefit local businesses and stimulate our economy through new classrooms, computer labs and job training programs;**
- (vi) **College of Marin facility maintenance programs must emphasize energy efficiency to save future costs; and**
- (vii) **College of Marin should employ "green building" techniques that are energy efficient, environmentally responsible and will pay for themselves over time.**

The Facilities Master Plan is on file at the District's Office of the Superintendent/President, and includes the following projects:

COLLEGE OF MARIN-KENTFIELD CAMPUS

- **Modernize, Maintain, Equip, and/or Replace Kentfield Science Center, Obsolete Classrooms, Science and Computer Labs, Library, Instructional Facilities, Sites and Utilities; Meet Demands of Changing Workforce; Improve Accessibility for Disabled:**

Modernize science center to include educational equipment and laboratories; provide state-of-the-art computer technology capability for students; repair, build upgrade and/or replace leaky roofs, decaying walls, old ceiling tiles and flooring, plumbing, sewer, drainage, electrical systems, wiring, unsanitary

and run down bathrooms, heating, ventilation and cooling systems, telecommunication systems, classrooms, fields and grounds, science laboratories, technology center, student center, lecture halls, and other instructional facilities; wire classrooms for computers and technology, increase safety, increase energy efficiency, acquire equipment, reduce fire hazards, reduce operating costs, so more classes and job training can be offered, improve academic instruction, and meet legal requirements for disabled access.

- **Technology Upgrades:**

Upgrade Internet access and cable technology; create "smart classrooms"; upgrade telecommunication systems; campus-wide technology upgrades, computers; replace outdated equipment.

- **Repair, Replace and Upgrade Electrical and Mechanical Systems to Reduce Energy Consumption and Utility Bills and Accommodate Computer Technology, Internet Access and Communications Systems.**

- **Disabled Access; Safety Improvements; Asbestos Removal:**

Remove all harmful asbestos; upgrade existing fire alarms, sprinklers, smoke detectors, intercoms and fire doors; install security systems, exterior lighting, emergency lighting, signage, door locks and fences, erosion controls, repair uneven sidewalk and walkways, improve accessibility for the disabled.

- **Expand Classroom and Facility Capacity, Upgrade Classrooms/Labs For Nursing and Emergency Medical Services; Library-Research-Learning Center:**

Increase classroom and facility capacity for academic and job training classes, including math, nursing and medical training, science labs, child development, dental health, physical and health education facilities, graphic, fine and performing arts; facilities management center; library-research-learning resource center; construct "smart classrooms" for enhanced distance learning.

- **Refinance Existing Lease Obligations related to Classrooms and Facilities:**

This refinancing will save District expenses and increase funds available for student instruction.

- **Improve Emergency Access and Evacuation Routes:**

To improve student safety, improve campus road network and surfacing, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and increase access for emergency vehicles.

COLLEGE OF MARIN – INDIAN VALLEY CAMPUS

- **Technology Upgrades:**

Provide state-of-the-art technology facilities, upgrade Internet access and cable technology; create "smart classrooms" to improve distance learning; upgrade telecommunication systems; campus-wide technology upgrades, computers; replace outdated equipment, wiring upgrades.

- **Repair, Upgrade, Equip, and/or Replace Obsolete Classrooms, Science and Computer Labs, Instructional Facilities, Sites and Utilities; Meet Demands of Changing Workforce:**

Repair, upgrade and/or replace leaky roofs, decaying walls, old ceiling tiles and flooring, plumbing, sewer, drainage, electrical systems, wiring, unsanitary and run down bathrooms, heating, ventilation and cooling systems, telecommunication systems, classrooms, fields and grounds, library, science laboratories, lecture halls, children's center,



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and other instructional facilities; wire classrooms for computers and technology, increase safety, increase energy efficiency, acquire equipment, reduce fire hazards, reduce operating costs so more classes and job training can be offered, improve academic instruction, and meet legal requirements for disabled access.

• **Improve Emergency Access and Evacuation Routes; Improve Access for Disabled:**

To improve student safety, improve campus road network to eliminate unsafe conditions, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and increase access for emergency vehicles; link parking areas; provide improved disabled access.

• **Safety Improvements; Asbestos Removal:**

Remove all harmful asbestos; upgrade existing gas lines, pipes, fire alarms, sprinklers, smoke detectors, intercoms and fire doors; install security systems, exterior lighting, emergency lighting, signage, door locks and fences, erosion controls, repair uneven sidewalk and walkways to comply with the needs of disabled students.

• **Repair, Replace and Upgrade Electrical and Mechanical Systems and Central Plant to Reduce Energy Consumption and Utility Bills and Accommodate Computer Technology, Internet Access and Communications Systems.**

• **Upgrade and Modernize Classrooms, Science Labs and Facilities:**

Upgrade the capacity for academic and job training classes, including basic education class such as math and English, science labs, fine arts, classrooms, conference rooms and labs.

• **Classrooms for University Center/Educational Park:**

Create an university center/education park with San Francisco State University and other educational partners to allow students to pursue a B.A. and other advanced degrees.

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, 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. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above will be delayed or may not be completed. In such case, bond money will be spent on only the most essential of the projects listed above.

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

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION,

REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES. BY LAW, ALL FUNDS CAN ONLY BE SPENT ON REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2004.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By s/ Wanden P. Treanor
Board President

Attest:

s/ Frances L. White
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
MARIN COUNTY)

I, Frances L. White, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2004-7-20-12a., which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Marin Community College District at meeting thereof held on the 20th day of July, 2004, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 6 elected trustees - 1 student trustee (advisory vote)

NOES: 1 elected trustee

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

By s/ Frances L. White
Secretary

AYES: Brockbank, Hayashino, Kranenburg, Long, Moore, Treanor

NOES: Dolan

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

California Education Code section 15122.5 requires the following statement to be included in this sample ballot:

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



**TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE C**

An election will be held in the Marin Community College District on November 2, 2004 to authorize the sale of up to \$249,500,000 in general obligation bonds of the District. 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 is provided in compliance with Sections 9401 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.019 per \$100 (\$19.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2006-07.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.019 per \$100 (\$19.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2010-11.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, based upon estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.019 per \$100 (\$19.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and years in which they will apply may vary depending upon the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The actual timing of bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the needs of the District. The actual interest rates on any bonds sold will depend upon market conditions and other factors at the time of sale. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined in the assessment and equalization process. Accordingly, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated as stated above.

Dated: July 29, 2004

s/ Frances L. White
Superintendent, President, College of Marin

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE C**

If this Measure is approved by a fifty-five percent (55%) vote, pursuant to the Article XIII A (1)(b)(3) of the California Constitution, the Marin Community College District will be authorized to incur bonded indebtedness of Two Hundred Forty Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$249,500,000) with an interest rate not-to-exceed the limit set by law. The proceeds of the proposed bonds must be used for the purposes set forth in the Measure and for no other purposes, and will be subject to citizen oversight and annual audits.

Dated: August 17, 2004

PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Given the rising cost of California university education and changing demands of the Bay Area job market, the College of Marin is a quality, convenient, affordable option for higher education. Our community college supports a stronger local economy by providing essential access to job training and a gateway to a four-year education for thousands of local students who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity.

Unfortunately, the science labs and classrooms at both campuses are decades old, obsolete and showing their age. Aging educational facilities suffer from outdated plumbing and wiring. They are not energy efficient or environmentally-designed, and can lead to wasteful heating, electricity and maintenance bills. Some buildings are on the verge of being closed due to safety concerns.

Measure C will ensure that the College of Marin maintains its existing facilities and modernizes science labs, classrooms, computer technology and libraries for higher education and job training. Measure C will:

- Fix roofs, walls and plumbing, and remove hazardous materials by utilizing green building standards
- Remodel campus buildings to improve energy-efficiency, save future energy costs and conserve valuable resources
- Modernize technology, science labs, computer labs, vocational training facilities and libraries to keep up with the Bay Area's job market
- Improve campus safety through modern fire alarms, sprinklers, security doors and other improvements
- Enhance higher educational partnerships at the Indian Valley Campus.

No Measure C funds can be taken by the state or used for administrative salaries. Every dollar will be spent to improve College of Marin facilities. An independent citizen oversight committee will oversee Measure C spending, and annual public audits will ensure that these funds are spent wisely

Help the College of Marin keep pace with our modern job training and educational needs as well as 21st Century environmental standards. Vote YES on Measure C.

s/ Perry Newman, President
League of Women Voters, Marin County

s/ William J. McCubbin
Work Force Investment Board of Marin County

s/ Robert E. Marcucci
San Rafael Fire Chief Retired

s/ Kerry Mazzoni
Former California Secretary for Education

s/ Huey D. Johnson
Founder, Trust for Public Land

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

The College of Marin suffers from declining enrollment, under-utilized facilities and a hostile work environment. The College spends over \$7,000 per student – among highest in the state – and over 90% of its budget goes to salaries and benefits. The College should tackle these issues first, **before** asking voters for **a quarter of a billion dollars** to demolish large parts of its two beautiful campuses to construct new buildings.

With only a meager 3% transfer rate to four year institutions, the College can hardly be considered a "gateway to a four year education for thousands of local students," as proponents have claimed. No argument is made for better teachers or better curriculum. The conclusion: the \$250 million would be spent on neither.

Proponents apparently bank on the Field of Dreams argument: "If you build it they will come." Wrong. Spending a quarter of a billion dollars on face lifts for two campuses does not guarantee either quality of services or attendance by students.

There's nothing wrong with asking voters for more money. But taxpayers need to know if their money will get the job done. So far there's no evidence it will.

Board leadership first, then bond money from the public.

Please vote "NO" on Measure C.

For other important information, see MUTA website: marintaxpayers.org.

s/ Fielding L. Greaves
Secretary & Past President, MUTA

s/ Basia Crane
Director, MUTA

s/ Mark D. Hill
Vice Chair, MRCC

s/ Gini Weiss
Travel Consultant

s/ John L. Semorile
School Board Advocate

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

The College of Marin's \$250,000,000 bond measure is premature and the wrong solution for COM's facilities. The college's enrollment is declining, it has an under-utilized campus at Indian Valley that COM isn't sure what to do with, and COM is serving a county whose population is barely growing. With this as the background, and with the amount of money being sought, taxpayers deserve *much* more than simply a wish list of facilities the college wants to upgrade.

Before passing such an enormous bond measure, taxpayers (especially the elderly who will NOT be exempted from having to pay) deserve to know *where* the college is headed; *what* the future of the Indian Valley campus will be; *how* Marin communities will benefit; and *how* does the bond measure relate to those issues.

COM puts the cart before the horse by saying in effect, "give us the money and *trust us*, we'll know how to spend it." And a variety of the things they do cite as being needed can be achieved without a bond measure:

- Fix up the current arts center, not build a new one.
- Obtain state grants for disabled access improvements.
- Take care of small items from the operations budget, as should have been done all along.
- And don't mislead voters by reference to "Job Training" in the name of the bond measure. Bond money can be used only for capital expenditures, not for direct job training.

The campuses may be aging, but they remain serviceable. A capital expenditure that will cost county residents about \$20 million a year for the next thirty years without answers to the above issues is not justified. Such money could be put to better use at the K-12 level.

Please vote "NO" on Measure C.

s/ Fielding L. Greaves, Past President
Marin United Taxpayers Association

s/ Basia Crane, Director
Marin United Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

The Argument Against Measure C is riddled with inaccuracies.

The facts speak for themselves:

Measure C is not premature – it is critically overdue. College of Marin's facilities are currently ranked in the bottom 10 percent of all California community colleges. As no major renovations or modernizations have occurred in the past 30 years, many heating, electrical and other systems as well as some of our buildings have reached the end of their useful lives.

Measure C will not expand the college. Measure C will maintain and preserve existing buildings wherever possible.

Measure C will enable our county to benefit from modern facilities. Some of our local kindergarten classrooms are more technologically advanced than College facilities. Yet, our classrooms must effectively train today's workforce.

Measure C is about job training. Local hospitals rely on College of Marin to train nurses and other health care professionals. Without updated facilities, students cannot learn the modern tools of their trade, necessary skills in any job market.

Measure C enjoys strong support from senior citizens because one-third of all College of Marin students are senior citizens.

Measure C projects are very specific and printed in the sample ballot book. Following extensive evaluation and community meetings, the college's critical needs were identified and included in the bond. All funds must be used at College of Marin and cannot be taken by the state. Mandatory independent citizen oversight and audits will guarantee that all funds are used appropriately and efficiently.

Join us in voting Yes on C:

s/ Kerry Mazzoni
Former California Secretary for Education

s/ Robert E. Marcucci
Retired San Rafael Fire Chief

s/ Irwin P. Diamond
Retired President, College of Marin

s/ Chuck Bennett
Business Leader

s/ Mary Jane Burke
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

END OF MEASURE C

