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Measure X Passes!

(San Jose, Calif.) — With all precincts having reported, San José – Evergreen Community College District’s (SJECCD) Measure X has passed by a margin of nearly 2:1. As of Thursday afternoon, more than 64 percent of ballots counted had voted “yes” on Measure X while less than 36 percent voted “no.”

“I am pleased to see such a high level of participation in the election by our community and grateful for the overwhelming support of Measure X,” said Dr. Deborah Budd, SJECCD chancellor. “Measure X ensures that students for decades to come will be able to train and learn in state-of-the-art facilities so they will be well-equipped to transfer to universities and enter the workforce.”

Measure X will provide $748 million for SJECCD to build new educational facilities as well as upgrade and repair existing facilities on the campuses of Evergreen Valley College (EVC) and San José City College (SJCC), each of which is slated for approximately $320 million in upgrades and new construction. The remainder of Measure X funds will be spent on District-wide projects, including major technology upgrades and enhanced campus safety and security.

“With the cost of attending a four-year university on the rise and more and more local students, working families, and veterans relying on community colleges, the opportunities that will be created by Measure X are more important now than ever,” Dr. Budd said.

By law, no funds from Measure X can be spent on administrator salaries or benefits and an independent Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee and annual audits will ensure all funds are appropriately spent.

About San José – Evergreen Community College District

Located in vibrant downtown San José in Silicon Valley, the San José – Evergreen Community College District encompasses more than 300 square miles, including a large portion of the City of San José and all of the City of Milpitas. The District includes the areas served by Milpitas and San José Unified School Districts, together with East Side Union High School District. The District is comprised of two colleges: Evergreen Valley College, established in 1975; and San José City College, established in 1921; and the Workforce Institute, established in 1988. For more information, visit www.sjeccd.edu.