“SAN JOSÉ-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CAREER, COLLEGE TRANSFER, CLASSROOM REPAIR, SAFETY MEASURE. To upgrade facilities preparing students/veterans for university transfer/careers like healthcare, technology, emergency response, and recruit/retain quality faculty by modernizing, repairing aging classrooms, technology, science labs; acquire, construct, repair facilities, equipment, sites; shall San José-Evergreen Community College District’s measure authorizing $858,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 1.75¢ per $100 assessed valuation, raising approximately $53,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, with audits/no money for administrators’ salaries, be adopted?”

Bonds - Yes  Bonds – No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the San José-Evergreen Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated San Jose City College’s and Evergreen Valley College’s urgent and critical facility needs, and its capacity to provide students, active military, and Veterans with support and job training facilities, an affordable education and prepare them for success in college and careers. Job training facilities, safety issues, class size and offerings, and information and computer technology were each considered in developing the scope of projects to be funded. In developing the scope of projects, basic repairs, job training facilities, campus safety, facilities supporting Veterans, and the expansion of opportunities for local students to receive an affordable, quality education, were prioritized. 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. The Board of Trustees determines that San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College MUST:

(i)  Keep local college education affordable through the economic recovery;
(ii) Provide job training to students and local residents struggling to find good-paying jobs;
(iii) Better prepare students and workers for good-paying jobs in emerging industries;
(iv) Retain and attract quality faculty;
(v) Provide online teaching and learning during future public health emergencies.
The following types of projects are authorized to be undertaken at San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College:

**PROVIDING AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VETERANS:**

Basic Repair Projects Needed To Make San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College Pathways for Low-Income Students To High Demand Jobs

**Goals and Purposes:** The cost to attend California's public universities has risen to at least five times that of attending a community college. As a result, more local students and their families rely on San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College to save tens of thousands of dollars. Additional funds are needed to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications, and learn job skills at a reasonable price and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Our local community colleges have served thousands of students living with disabilities. This measure will upgrade access for disabled students and provide improved campus resources and educational opportunities so these students can receive the support they need for college and careers.

Many of San Jose City’s and Evergreen Valley’ buildings, classrooms, science labs, and job training equipment are deteriorating and outdated. This measure will address urgent and basic repairs such as removing asbestos, upgrading electrical wiring, gas and sewer lines, and fixing leaky roofs, to make our local colleges clean and safe for learning.

- Upgrade outdated technology in classrooms and labs.
- Repair deteriorating water and sewer lines.
- Improve campus safety and security.
- **Update campus facilities to improve disabled access.**
- Replace outdated electrical and internet wiring.

**PROVIDING JOB TRAINING AND COLLEGE TRANSFER:**

Facility Improvements Which Help All Students and Veterans Transfer to Four-Year Universities or be Trained For The Local Workforce

**Goals and Purposes:** Community colleges are a key pathway to higher education for low-income students and students of color, many of whom depend on these local institutions for training in high-demand jobs that pay good wages, provide good benefits, and allow them to move into the middle class. As we face massive unemployment and a recession, it’s more important than ever to invest in training.
San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College provide essential job training for students, veterans, and local residents to prepare them 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 jobs in business, biotechnology, nursing, engineering, and other high demand careers.

San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College provide excellent training that prepares students to transfer to the University of California and the California State University system to complete their Bachelor’s degrees. Our local colleges also allow high school students to get a jump start on earning college credit by taking college courses before they graduate high school. This measure will ensure that these colleges can continue to offer this caliber of education while saving families money on the first two years of tuition.

- Repair classrooms to prepare students, veterans and workers for good-paying jobs and 21st century careers.
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for nursing, technology, and other vocational career education.
- Provide classrooms and labs career preparation in growing fields like for nursing and healthcare.
- Provide facilities to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses, a customary contingency, and costs associated with the Total Cost of Ownership of facilities and equipment. In addition to the listed projects stated above, authorized projects also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, fiscal reporting, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; install or upgrade elevators; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; acquire vehicles; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations, battery energy storage and electric vehicle charging stations; repair and replace worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls doors and drinking fountains; replace or remove outdated buildings and classrooms and construct new classrooms and support buildings; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability and State compliance standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replacing or relocate hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; install artificial turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; plan, construct, acquire or contribute to faculty and staff housing; build or upgrade facilities, corporation building and yard; construct, expand or reconfigure facilities.
to create large lecture classrooms; construct student parking structure; upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots; improve vehicular access and traffic circulation; improve drop-off zones; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water lines and valves, sewer lines and other plumbing systems; construct, upgrade, acquire or expand multi-use classrooms and labs, fine arts and visual and performing arts facilities, learning resources center, physical education/aquatic facilities, locker rooms, field lights, bleachers, press box, track replacement, District administrative offices, conference center, maintenance building, student service/campus center and instructional buildings, trades and technology building, library, athletic fields, student services buildings; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; acquire land; replace or upgrade outdated security and safety systems; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The project list also includes all of the projects that were authorized by Measure X, approved by the voters on November 8, 2016 and the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations and the funding of an endowment for technology and other authorized projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout both college campuses, acquire portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, audio/visual and telecommunications systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, DATA storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones, identity access cards, the creation and funding of a technology endowment and upgrading of technology for distance learning, acquire necessary software and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for District enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District’s receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. 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 and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. 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 repair and upgrade may occur, 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 may occur 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. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.
FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

1. All money will benefit San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College campuses and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.

2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES or pensions.

3. Require CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT and yearly audits to ensure all funds are used locally, effectively and as promised.

4. 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 school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty and college administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.

5. 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.