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El Camino College Board Approves Bond Measure E for November Ballot

The Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District recently approved Measure E, a \$350 million facilities bond extension, to be placed on the November 2012 ballot. The full language of the resolution is available online at: www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/agendas/2008/Resolution_07-16-2012-3.pdf

Measure E is an extension of El Camino College's first-ever facilities bond, approved by voters in 2002. Much progress has been made in the past 10 years, but a bond extension is needed to complete the facilities upgrades needed at the 65-year-old Torrance-area campus.

"Many of our buildings and facilities are more than 50 years old now, some are nearly 65 years old," said Superintendent/President Thomas M. Fallo. "They have been well-maintained, but, like any structures of that age, they need repairs and renovations. This bond will help us make safety, technology, and energy-saving improvements to our campus."

If approved by voters on November 6, Measure E will provide funds that allow El Camino College to upgrade classrooms, labs, lecture halls, and instructional equipment, while making health and safety repairs and energy efficiency improvements. These updates will prepare students for university transfer or entry to a successful career.

Classroom space and training for future nurses, firefighters, and other first responders will be enhanced with bond funding, providing these future caregivers with the latest in high-tech equipment, ensuring a skilled emergency workforce in the South Bay.

In addition, educational resources for students who are veterans or active military will be improved, offering access to the support they need to continue their education and enter the civilian workforce.

Energy efficiency improvements are already saving the college \$100,000 each year. Overall cost-savings of Measure E-funded projects is projected to save the college \$360,000 each year.

By law, funds from any proposed bond can only be spent on buildings, classrooms, or instructional equipment. No bond funds can be spent on administrator pensions or salaries. In addition, all fund expenditures are subject to local control, and cannot be taken away by Sacramento politicians.

An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee has been in place since the first facilities bond was approved by voters in 2002 and is responsible for informing the public about bond revenue. If approved, Measure E revenue will be also be subject to the committee's review. Funds will be used only as authorized and under strict review by the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

With the University of California and California State systems becoming increasingly more expensive, students are relying on El Camino College more than ever to reach their academic goals. Investments in community colleges are critical to continue offering high-quality, affordable education.

Voters in the El Camino College Community College District include residents of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. State law requires a 55 percent majority for the measure to pass.