

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE I-06

THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOND MEASURE

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District.

“Allan Hancock College Improvement Measure: To improve the quality of programs at Allan Hancock College by:

- Improving academic facilities to help students transfer to four-year colleges,
- Improving job training facilities for police, firefighter, healthcare and other careers,
- Upgrading aging buildings, classrooms and technology,

and by upgrading, acquiring, constructing, equipping buildings, sites and classrooms, shall Allan Hancock Joint Community College District issue \$180,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, appoint a Citizens’ Oversight Committee to monitor expenditures and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

Bonds - Yes Bonds – No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Board of Trustees evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including demands for public safety and health care job training, other career preparation programs, enrollment growth and class size, safety issues, energy cost reduction and information and computer technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Educational and Facilities Master Plan 2001-06 (“Master Plan”) and in the 2007-11 Five Year Construction Plan, dated May 5, 2005 as submitted to the Office of the Chancellor, California Community Colleges, each incorporated herein, and as each shall be further amended from time to time. In developing the scope of projects the faculty, staff and students have prioritized the key job training, health and safety needs and enrollment demands so the most critical needs are addressed. 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 Master Plan. This input of faculty, community and business leaders concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse. **The Master Plan reflects four important determinations:**

- (i) Statewide budget cuts are damaging Allan Hancock College’s ability to provide a high-quality affordable education for local students;**
- (ii) Allan Hancock College must take every available step to preserve access to affordable, local higher education;**
- (iii) In tough economic times community colleges, including Allan Hancock College, are critically important to re-train people who want to expand their job skills as well as to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities;**
- (iv) It would be less expensive to construct, upgrade and repair aging Allan Hancock College buildings and classrooms now, than in the future.**

Both the Master Plan, and the 2007-11 Five Year Construction Plan are on file at the District’s Office of the Superintendent/President, and include the following projects:

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- **Repair, Upgrade, and/or Replace Obsolete Classrooms, Science and Computer Labs, Instructional Facilities, Sites and Utilities:**

Repair, upgrade and/or replace deteriorating plumbing, electrical systems, wiring, unsanitary and run down bathrooms, leaky roofs, inadequate doors, heating, ventilation and cooling systems, security systems, science laboratories and other instructional facilities; wire for computers and upgrade classroom technology; increase safety, increase energy efficiency, reduce fire hazards, reduce operating costs so more classes and job training can be offered, improve academic instruction, meet legal requirements for disabled access, and remove hazardous asbestos.

- **Build and/or Expand Classroom Buildings and Facilities to Maintain Affordable, Local Higher Education:**

Increase classroom capacity for academic classes and job training, including nursing, emergency service workers, dental care, teaching, English, math, reading, laboratories, technology and information management and district-wide technology support, academic and career counseling, college transfer, job training/placement and financial aid advisement centers, career skills center for adult education, a high tech center, including technology-based instruction for computer science, math, business and engineering science, lecture/meeting/faculty/seminar rooms, early childhood studies lab, physical education facilities, fields and grounds, library/media technology center, visual and performing arts classrooms and labs, an industrial technology building to support architecture, welding, autobody and automotive technology and new technologies; expand computer access.

- **Job and Public Safety Training Center:**

Increase new classrooms and equipment for police and fire safety programs, including emergency medical technology and hazardous materials handling.

- **Technology Upgrades/Computer Centers:**

Expand technology and computer centers with high-speed Internet access and computer technology, create “smart classrooms” to improve teaching and learning; upgrade software, computer and technology infrastructure and campus-wide technology; provide software training; replace outdated equipment.

- **Expand Classroom Capacity in Lompoc and Solvang:**

Construct a new classroom/lab facility that allows Allan Hancock College to expand its nursing/health sciences education program in Lompoc. In addition, the construction would include a large, multipurpose classroom that would allow the College to offer more classes, accommodate performance-based courses, and support more Allan Hancock College and community performance and cultural events. In Solvang, add new computer lab(s) and support programs for personal computer training and business development, including the tourism industry.

- **Expand Classroom and Campus Capacity:**

Increase classroom capacity for academic classes and job training, including nursing, emergency medical, math, science

labs, English, art, reading, visual and performing arts classes and labs; acquire property; develop for additional campus parking.

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

This refinancing will lower interest rates, save college expenses and increase funds available for instruction.

- **Repair, Replace and Upgrade Aging Electrical and Mechanical Systems to Reduce Energy Consumption and Utility Bills.**

- **Improve Campus Safety:**

Upgrade or add fire alarms, sprinklers, smoke detectors, intercoms and fire doors; install security systems, exterior lighting, emergency lighting, door locks and fences, reconstruct aging parking lots.

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, construction 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.

The bond program is designed to provide facilities which will serve current and expected enrollment. In the event of an unexpected slowdown in enrollment of students at Allan Hancock College, or its several outreach centers, 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.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE I-06

This measure is intended to determine whether the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District shall issue up to 180 million (\$180,000,000) in bonds, for a term not to exceed 40 years, at an interest rate not to exceed legally allowable limits, for the purpose of improving school facilities, as outlined below.

On November 7, 2000, the voters of California passed AProposition 39," amending Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution. That amendment authorizes the District to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, in accordance with certain accountability requirements, upon approval of 55% of the voters voting on the bond measure.

If approved, this measure will allow the district to issue up to \$180,000,000 in bonds to be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of college facilities or to equip such facilities. Specifically, bond proceeds may only be used to fund facilities projects listed in Exhibit B of the full text of the measure, which is printed in the ballot pamphlet. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used to pay for salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from property taxes levied on taxable property in the District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers in the District.

The measure includes the following accountability requirements:

1. That the proceeds from the bond sale shall be used only for the purposes listed in the bond measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other college operating expenses.
2. A list of the specific college facilities projects to be funded and certification that the District Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list.
3. That the District Board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the specific facilities projects listed in the measure.
4. That the District Board conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of such proceeds from the sale of the bonds have been spent for the facilities projects listed in the measure.
5. That the District Board shall establish a citizens oversight committee to monitor expenditures and to ensure that bond proceeds are used to fund the specific facilities projects listed in the full text of the measure.

A "Yes" vote on this measure is a vote in support of the issuance of 180 million in bonds to be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of college facilities, or to equip such facilities, at Allan Hancock College.

A "No" vote on this measure is a vote against the issuance of 180 million in bonds to be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of college facilities, or to equip such facilities, at Allan Hancock College.

s/JAMES B. LINDHOLM, JR.
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE I-06
ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

An election will be held in the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (the "District") on June 6, 2006, to authorize the sale of up to \$180,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance college facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds 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 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, and assuming the entire debt service will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.025 per \$100 (\$25.00 per \$100,000) of assessed value for the fiscal year 2006-2007.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.025 per \$100 (\$25.00 per \$100,000) of assessed value for the fiscal year 2013-2014.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.025 per \$100 (\$25.00 per \$100,000) of assessed value in fiscal year 2006-2007.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The date of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/José M. Ortiz, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I-06

Allan Hancock College (AHC) has provided excellent, affordable, local, higher education in Northern Santa Barbara County for over 85 years. Several generations of many local families have attended Allan Hancock College. AHC is a place where students learn a broad range of subjects:

- AHC has trained over 12,000 firefighters and thousands of local nurses and police officers that serve the Central Coast
- Over half of local high school graduates attend AHC before transferring to four-year universities or entering careers
- Retirees and other residents enjoy non-credit, lifelong learning classes

We must support Allan Hancock College to expand programs and maintain a dynamic curriculum for the future. The college was built for 2,000 students; today over 15,000 students each semester pursue higher education or job training at campuses in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Solvang or Vandenberg Air Force Base. Old facilities must be upgraded.

Measure I improves Allan Hancock College by:

- Updating classrooms and technology for nursing, science, dental and medical assistant programs
- Improving classrooms and technology to help students transfer to four-year universities
- Repairing and replacing leaky, deteriorating roofs and walls, rusty plumbing, old wiring and failed air conditioning/ventilation systems
- Modernizing training centers for firefighters, police officers, EMTs and Haz-mat workers
- Adding classrooms for growing enrollment
- Upgrading computers, technology and teaching equipment
- Improving accessibility for disabled students
- Making other needed improvements to educational facilities

Measure I protects taxpayers:

- All funds will be used locally to improve AHC; no funds can be taken by the state or be used for staff salaries
- There will be independent citizen oversight of all spending
- Annual public audits are required

Please join us in investing in our local community college. Vote Yes on Measure I to improve Allan Hancock College – a true local treasure!

s/ Roberta E. Heter, Retired Lompoc High School Principal
s/ Frank Ortiz, Fire Chief City of Santa Maria
s/ Doris T. Lahr, Civic Leader
s/ Aaron Roy Petersen, Solvang Business Owner
s/ Colleen Strom, V.P. Patient Care Services/Chief Nurse Executive

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I-06 WAS SUBMITTED