

RESOLUTION NO. 26-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND VENTURA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA) ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (“**Allan Hancock College**” or the “**District**”) has provided a high-quality, affordable college education and career training to local students from Santa Maria, Orcutt, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez and Cuyama for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains community college locations in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Guadalupe and Santa Ynez Valley, and offers a wide range of high-quality undergraduate degrees, university-transfer courses, dual enrollment, certificate programs, career and technical education and training; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College (“**AHC**”) offers a wide range of student support and educational counseling services; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College serves as a vital local community resource that offers students of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to learn skilled trades, gain new career skills, and access affordable higher education; and

WHEREAS, with the cost of attending California public universities more than six times that of community colleges, nearly 40% of our local high school graduates every year rely on Allan Hancock College for higher education and job training; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, over 11,971 local high school students have benefited from the Hancock Promise program receiving their first year of college free through the program, and since Fall 2024, the benefit was extended to a full two years of free tuition for local high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College trains local nurses and healthcare workers who serve our medical needs, firefighters and first responders who keep us safe, and skilled workers like veterinary technicians, auto mechanics and welders who fuel our economy. AHC provides low-cost, high-quality education, job training and community learning options for all residents, helping build a well-trained workforce to meet the needs of local businesses and our community;

WHEREAS, in addition to training essential healthcare and public safety workers, Allan Hancock College provides education and job training to the hospitality workers and skilled workers that fuel the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College helps ensure that lower and middle-income students who can't afford the high price of a university still have an opportunity to succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College has partnered with California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo and California State University Channel Islands to bring four-year degree programs to the District, which improves opportunities for local students and helps the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College consistently has one of the best acceptance rates to the UC system and California State University campuses, including Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and University of California, Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, while Allan Hancock College has served the community well for decades, the college is over 100 years old, and many classrooms, labs and career training equipment, as well as technology and facilities, need repairs upgrades and/or replacement to meet current academic needs, support services, accessibility, and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating electrical systems, plumbing, and roofs need repair or replacement. Local funding for these repairs will ensure students and veterans have access to an affordable, high-quality education and the opportunity to succeed in college and careers for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, some classrooms were built so long ago that they have asbestos, mold, and do not meet current earthquake safety standards; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District prepared a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that evaluates the condition of all college facilities, identifies needed improvements and provides a plan to upgrade classrooms, career training and college facilities; and

WHEREAS, to repair and upgrade aging college facilities, local funding is needed and the District Board of Trustees believes that locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure is needed; and

WHEREAS, locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern science labs, career training facilities and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing, health sciences, engineering, chemistry, technology and skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would repair or replace leaky roofs, plumbing and faulty electrical systems; and

WHEREAS, locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would upgrade older buildings so they meet current health and building safety codes, earthquake safety standards, and provide access for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, approval of a college facilities improvement bond measure will make the District eligible to receive more than \$38 million in State matching money that otherwise will continue to go to other communities; and

WHEREAS, a local college facilities improvement measure would include strict accountability and local control requirements, including an independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory annual audits, and public disclosure of all spending; and

WHEREAS, by law, all funds from the measure may only be used to improve District facilities and no funds could be taken away by the State, diverted to other uses, and no funds could be used for administrator salaries or benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (the “**Board**”), has determined that it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds shall be issued and sold for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing or equipping of District facilities, and paying costs incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 39, adopted by the voters of the State of California (the “**State**”) on November 7, 2000 (“**Proposition 39**”), comprising Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b) of the California Constitution (“**Article XIII A**”), the District may incur bonded indebtedness upon the vote of fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the qualified electors of the District voting on the measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Education Code (“**Education Code**”) Section 15264 *et seq.* (the “**Act**”), the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, to submit to the electorate of the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings to be applicable to the within election order and to establish compliance with Proposition 39 and the applicable requirements of the

Education Code and the California Elections Code (the “**Elections Code**”), as further specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections from experts of assessed property valuations and has determined that, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15270 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, the Board now deems it appropriate and necessary to request consolidation of the election authorized hereby (the “**Election**”) with any and all other elections to be held on November 3, 2026, and to request each of the applicable Registrar of Voters (collectively, the “**Registrar of Voters**”) of Santa Barbara County (the “**SB County**”), San Luis Obispo County (“**SLO County**”) and Ventura County (“**Ventura County**” and, together with SB County and SLO County, the “**Counties**”) to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bond Measure (defined below) to be considered at the Election includes requirements for strict accountability, including establishment of a Citizens’ Oversight Committee and independent annual financial and performance audits to ensure all bond proceeds are used effectively and as promised, with no funds going towards District administrator’s salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District has paid or expects to pay certain expenses with respect to projects on the Project List (as defined herein) (the “**Reimbursable Expenses**”) to which it desires to preserve its ability to reimburse the capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 39 and applicable law, as provided under section 1.150-2 of the regulations (the “**Treasury Regulations**”) promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Tax Code**”);

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations provides that such an allocation will be respected only if, *inter alia*, the District has declared its reasonable official intent to reimburse costs of the projects on the Project List incurred prior to but in anticipation of the issuance of debt; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in one or more series from time to time in the aggregate principal amount not to

exceed \$290 million (the “**Bonds**”) for the purpose of raising money for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing or equipping of District facilities, and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in a ballot measure approved pursuant to Section 4 below.

Section 2. Order of Election. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the respective Registrar of Voters to call the Election within the boundaries of the District on November 3, 2026. The SB County Registrar of Voters, the SLO County Registrar of Voters, and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters are hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the Election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 3. Election Date and Consolidation. The date of the Election shall be November 3, 2026, and the Election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. Pursuant to Section 15121 of the Education Code and Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the SB County Registrar of Voters, the SB County Board of Supervisors, the SLO County Registrar of Voters, the SLO County Board of Supervisors, the Ventura County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors (and, together with the SB County Board of Supervisors and the SLO County Board of Supervisors, the “**Board of Supervisors**”) are hereby requested to order consolidation of the community college bond election ordered herein with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Proposition. (a) The purpose of the Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on a measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “**Bond Measure**”), containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act.

(b) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters. As required by Elections Code Sections 13119 and 13247, and Education Code Section 15122, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot appears below and is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**:

ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION. To repair and upgrade Allan Hancock College's aging classrooms, labs, career training facilities; construct classrooms to improve affordable education for students/veterans in science, math, nursing, welding, machining, skilled trades; offer local four-year degrees with Cal-Poly partnership; fix roofs, plumbing, electrical; and remove asbestos; shall Allan Hancock College's measure authorizing \$290 million in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$19 /\$100,000 assessed value (\$16 million annually while bonds are outstanding), with citizen oversight of locally controlled funding?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds - No

The District's Superintendent/President, Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Finance and Administration (or any of their respective designees) are hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure or its abbreviated form as required to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

(c) The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** hereof in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. If the full text of the Bond Measure is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the Bond Measure, in no less than 10 point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters at (800) 722-8683, or the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District at (805) 922-6966, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure ____ is also available at <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/localfunding/>."

(d) As required by Section 53410 of the California Government Code (the "**Government Code**"), a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the Bond Measure ballot, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

Accountability Measures

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the Bond Measure:

- (i) The specific purpose of the Bonds is set forth in the full text of the Bond Measure; and
- (ii) The proceeds from the sale of the District's Bonds will be applied only for the purposes specified in the Bond Measure, and not for any other purpose; and
- (iii) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the SB County Treasurer-Tax Collector (the "**County Treasurer**"), as required by the Education Code; and
- (iv) The Superintendent/President of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the Bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in the Bond Measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

(e) The District hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet, pursuant to Section 15122.5 of the Education Code [*Measure designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters*]:

“Approval of Measure ____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District that are the subject of bonds under Measure ____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The District’s proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a Statewide bond measure.”

(f) Pursuant to Section 18, Article XVI and Section 1, Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State, the foregoing Bond Measure shall become effective upon the favorable vote of no less than 55% of those qualified voters voting on the measure.

Section 5. The Bonds. (a) The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 of the Education Code (commencing with Section 15264), as amended, and Article XIII A shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum, and (b) the maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, as amended, applicable provisions of the Education Code and Article XIII A of the California Constitution shall not exceed forty (40) years, or, in the case of bonds, the interest on which is compounded, twenty-five (25) years, and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum.

Section 6. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the Election is contained in the Act, Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b), subsection (3) of the California Constitution, and Section 53506 *et seq.* of the Government Code. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 7. District Facilities Projects. A list of the specific capital projects (the “**Projects**”) to be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds is set forth in **Exhibit A** (the “**Project List**”). As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, enrollment and information technology needs of the District in developing the list of capital projects set forth in **Exhibit A**. The District understands that the costs of administering the Election, managing construction projects and costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be lawful charges against proceeds of sale of the Bonds.

Section 8. Covenants of the Board Upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate. As required by Article XIII A and Section 15278 of the Act, if fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the voters of the District voting on the Bond Measure approve the Bond Measure, the Board shall:

(a) Use the Bond proceeds only for the purposes of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of District facilities, as set forth in **Exhibit A**, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries/pensions and other District operating expenses;

(b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond proceeds have been expended only on the capital projects listed in **Exhibit A** until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for capital projects listed in **Exhibit A**;

(d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act, which may consist of some or all of the citizens' oversight committee members currently sitting; and

(e) Limit the amount of bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure so that the tax rate on taxable property located within the District required to repay such bonds will not, based on the District's reasonable expectations at the date of issuance, exceed \$19.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Section 9. Delivery of this Resolution. The Secretary to this Board is hereby authorized and directed to send or hand-deliver completed and certified copies of this Resolution to each of the Superintendent of Schools of the Counties, the respective Clerks of the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties and the respective aforementioned Registrars of Voters no later than June 25, 2026.

Section 10. Tax Rate Statement; Ballot Arguments. Any one of the Superintendent/President of the District, the Associate Superintendent/Vice President, Finance and Administration of the District, the President of the Board, or their designees, is hereby authorized to execute the Tax Rate Statement attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and any other required documents and to perform all acts necessary to place the Bond Measure on the ballot. The Tax Rate Statement shall be delivered to each of the Registrars of Voters on or before June 25, 2026. Any member of the Board is hereby authorized to act as an author of or signer to any ballot argument prepared in connection with the Election, including a rebuttal argument.

Section 11. Consolidation of Election; Election Services. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, each of the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties are requested to permit the respective Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate officials of the Counties, to render all services necessary in connection with the Election including, but not limited to, publication of a Formal Notice of Community College Bond Election pursuant to Education Code Section 5363 and related law, the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code), the opportunity to submit ballot arguments in connection with the Election, the canvassing and certification of the returns of the Election, and other ballot requirements pursuant to Education Code Section 15123, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the Counties as required by law.

Section 12. Reimbursement of Qualified Project Expenditures. The reimbursement of the Reimbursable Expenses is consistent with the District's budgetary and financial circumstances. There are no funds or other sources of funds of the District or any related person

or controlled entity, that have been, or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside to pay the costs of the projects on the Project List to be paid or reimbursed out of the proceeds of the Bonds of the District which may be authorized following a successful Bond Election, and not otherwise, unless this Board shall take further action. The District reasonably expects to reimburse capital expenditures with respect to the projects on the Project List with proceeds of bonds that may hereafter be executed and delivered by or on behalf of the District, and this resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution is adopted for purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the District to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness or proceed with the financing, acquisition or construction of the projects on the Project List. The District recognizes that reimbursement allocations to which section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations applies by reason of this Resolution generally include only reimbursements of payments originally for capital expenditures made no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution. The maximum principal amount of Bonds and other obligations expected to be issued for the projects on the Project List is \$290 million.

Section 13. Bond Counsel, Underwriter and Municipal Advisor. The Board hereby approves the retention of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel, RBC Capital Markets, as Underwriter, and KNN Public Finance, as Municipal Advisor, pursuant to separate contracts on file with, or to be entered into by the District.

Section 14. Ratification. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, or their respective designees, employees and agents of the Board and the District in connection with the financing of the facilities on the Project List are hereby ratified and confirmed. The officers and their designees, the employees and agents of the Board and the District are hereby authorized to take any and all actions in connection with the financing of such facilities and as may be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 15. Severability. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the severed portion.

Section 16. Authorization of Further Acts. The members of the Board, Superintendent/President, Associate Superintendent/Vice President, Finance and Administration, any designee thereof, and all other staff or officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

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Section 17. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of June, 2026, at Santa Maria, California, at which a quorum of the Board of Trustees was present and acting throughout, by the following vote.

AYES: Student Trustee, Trustee Enciso, Trustee Levy, Trustee Ostini, Trustee Pensa, Trustee Zacarías

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**

By: 
President of the Board of Trustees

Attest:

By: 
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT BALLOT MEASURE

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BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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FINDINGS

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- In 2023, the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District prepared a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that evaluates the condition of all college facilities, identifies needed improvements and provides a plan to upgrade classrooms, career training and college facilities, such FMP is incorporated herein by reference, with any updates made thereto.
- To repair and upgrade aging college facilities, local funding is needed and the District Board of Trustees believes that locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure is needed.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern science labs, career training facilities and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing, health sciences, engineering, chemistry, technology and skilled trades.
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- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would upgrade older buildings so they meet current health and building safety codes, earthquake safety standards, and provide access for students with disabilities.
- Approval of a college facilities improvement bond measure will make the District eligible to receive more than \$38 million in State matching money that otherwise will continue to go to other communities.
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- By law, all funds from the measure may only be used to improve District facilities and no funds could be taken away by the State, diverted to other uses, and no funds could be used for administrator salaries or benefits.

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District certifies that it has evaluated the District’s urgent and critical capital needs, including college and student safety issues, enrollment trends, energy efficiency and computer technology, seismic safety requirements, and aging, outdated or deteriorating campus buildings in developing the scope of projects. In developing the scope of projects, the District has prioritized the key health

and safety and sustainability needs so that the most critical college site and facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted an evaluation at all District sites and received input in developing the scope of projects. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse and more expensive to address in the future. The Board concluded that protecting the quality of college facilities, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes is a wise investment. The Board also concluded that providing safe and updated learning facilities for our students is a wise investment. The Project List includes the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of facilities at all District sites, including but not limited to, the college's locations in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Guadalupe and Santa Ynez Valley, and includes the furnishing and equipping of college facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for college facilities. Because only those capital improvements included on this Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the bonds, the Board has listed many possible capital improvement projects. This does not mean that any or all of the projects listed on this Project List will be completed or funded. The placement of the listing of a particular capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains within the province of the Board by subsequent action. In approving this Project List, the Board determines that the District should:

GENERAL:

- Upgrade classrooms, career-training facilities, equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers and skilled trades
- Building a University Center and improving facilities to offer four-year bachelor's degrees locally in nursing, sociology, business and other subjects, in partnership with Cal Poly and Cal State Channel Islands.
- Upgrade science labs, classrooms so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing and health sciences
- Providing classrooms, facilities, technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and tech
- Upgrading, improving and maintaining the Veteran's Center, which provides job training, job placement, counseling and support services to military veterans and their families, preparing returning veterans for universities and good paying jobs.
- Repair, replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, gas lines, sewer lines, electrical systems, where needed.
- Removing hazardous materials like asbestos and mold from older buildings; remediation.
- Upgrade classrooms, labs, and equipment to keep pace with current instruct standards and technology.
- Improve student safety, campus security systems including lighting, intruder protection systems, emergency communication systems, smoke detectors, and fire alarms.

- Improving access to affordable higher education.
- Upgrading classrooms, career-training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers and skilled trades.
- Providing classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology programs
- Modernize classrooms, labs, equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology.
- Expand Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities for programs.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve facilities including classrooms, labs, and learning spaces for general education and career education programs in fields including transfer education, nursing, science, engineering, chemistry, technology, engineering and other programs.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) buildings and classrooms, labs for existing and new programs, including, but not limited to the addition of engineering and computer science.
- Upgrading job training, career technical vocational classrooms, labs and technology.
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology, Wi-Fi access, electrical, wiring up to date.
- Upgrade older buildings so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities throughout the District, replace or renovate facilities and equipment, including elevators, to comply with federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and ensure ADA compliance.
- Repair or replace outdated electrical, water irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency, water conservation.
- Construct, repair, equip and improve district facilities.
- Upgrade and replace water and plumbing systems, supply to shower and locker rooms, science labs, drinking fountains, irrigation, fire sprinkler systems, and hydrants.
- Improve school safety and security by upgrading wiring, lighting, fire alarms, and security and communication systems.
- Provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to support new and modernized learning spaces.
- Construct and improve roadways, parking structures, parking facilities, walkways, grounds, wayfinding and signage.

- Upgrade outdated electrical wiring, systems, lighting.
- Provide up-to-date information and technology systems and equipment, including cable infrastructure, network expansion to support student access to technology and specialized equipment, wireless access points and administrative systems.
- Providing safe drinking water.
- Replacing deteriorating sewer and gas lines.
- Improving safety lighting at campus parking lots and walkways.
- Upgrading emergency communication systems.
- Upgrading fire safety systems, including safety doors, smoke alarms and detectors.
- Replace portable classrooms and spaces with new permanent facilities.
- Upgrading, constructing, repairing bathrooms and plumbing.
- Increasing water and energy savings to reduce costs.
- Repairing faulty drainage systems that cause flooding.
- Repair and replace roofs, windows, doors and fixtures, as needed.
- Upgrade and improve faculty preparation rooms, to accommodate faculty needs.
- Improve irrigation systems, landscaping, and athletic and physical education facilities.
- Provide temporary facilities during facilities construction and renovations.
- Infrastructure, sewers, streets, plumbing.
- Improvements to the early learning centers and Childhood Education centers.
- Athletic Facilities, including modernization, interior and exterior site improvements, spaces to support the Kinesiology, Recreation and Athletics programs, gymnasiums, athletic fields and training facilities, physical fitness labs, toilets/showers, changing rooms, team facilities, equipment storage, vegetation, shading, bleachers, team rooms, meeting rooms, press/announcer booth, spectator seating, concessions, field lighting, AV system to support events and commencement ceremonies, locker replacement, accessible paths and plazas, landscaping and signage.
- Construct, repair and repave campus parking lots; pedestrian crossing.
- Replace interior and exterior lighting systems.
- Construct, repair, replace restrooms.
- Repave asphalt & repair concrete walk ways.

- Electrical infrastructure (switchgear, metering, etc.).
- Repaint interior and exterior of buildings/classrooms/campus facilities.
- Automated irrigation systems.
- Portable building decommission/removal.
- Replace boilers (campus wide).
- Construct, repair, improve vehicular entries, drop offs, parking, pedestrian paths, wayfinding.
- Solar panels, shade structures, electrical storage, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, installation, repair and replacement.
- Emergency generators.
- **Upgrading Technology Infrastructure.** Bond proceeds will be applied to renovate, replace, upgrade, acquire, install and integrate major site, building and utility systems, equipment and related infrastructure, including lighting, electrical, wiring and related infrastructure for modern technology, classroom instructional technology, phone systems, communications and security technology (including security cameras and monitoring systems), data, voice, public address and audio-visual communication, energy efficiency, management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, controls and equipment, cable infrastructure, network expansion, wireless access points, enterprise resource planning systems, student information systems, and other communications systems.

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, 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 include the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations, LED lighting; repair and replace worn-out leaky roofs, windows, walls, flooring, doors, fences, stairs, 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, charging stations, 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; build or upgrade facilities, including science and engineering classrooms; construct, expand or reconfigure facilities to create lecture classrooms; improve parking, construct parking structures and 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, repair, acquire or expand multi-use classrooms and labs, manufacturing and transportation training, theater arts facilities, learning resources centers, physical education facilities, gyms, stadiums, locker rooms, field lights, field houses, tennis courts, bleachers, press boxes, tracks, District administrative offices, conference center, physical plants/maintenance buildings, student service/campus centers, fountains, data centers, technology buildings, kitchens, cafeterias/food services and classroom instructional buildings, trades and technology buildings, libraries, athletic fields, student services buildings; upgrades to acoustical solutions (for the Firing Range and Roof Prof for firefighting practice, for example); public safety outdoor restroom/shower to use when inside facilities is not an option due to heavy gear or contamination; outdoor amphitheater with green room and restrooms; observatory; curb/gutter and landscape improvements; directional and wayfinding signage; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; replace or upgrade outdated safety and security 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 shade structures, pedestrian paths, security systems such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer and hydronic lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; trash compactors and composters; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The project also includes the financing or refinancing of lease obligations and the demolition of older buildings at District sites. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout District sites, acquiring computers, 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 telecommunication 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 and identity access.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may undertake fewer than all of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. 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, storm drainage, and 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 costs 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 California Government Code Section 53410.

NO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or pensions or other operating expenses.

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 (CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15278 *ET SEQ.*) TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATIVES 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.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of Measure ____ by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$290 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the

specific District facilities projects listed in the Project List as set forth above, subject to the accountability requirements specified below. The bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the bonds are issued.

FUNDS PROTECTED FOR LOCAL USE

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Measure ____ will be used solely on local projects and will not be subject to appropriation by agencies outside of the District.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in Measure ____ in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at California Education Code Sections 15264 and following). The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Santa Barbara County Treasurer-Tax Collector, as required by the California Education Code, and will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure ____ and not for any other purpose.

Evaluation of Needs: The Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated enrollment growth, student safety, class size accommodation, repairs/upgrades to older facilities, and information technology needs in developing the Project List as set forth above.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee: The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under California Education Code Section 15278 to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the college facilities projects listed above. The Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the college facilities projects listed as set forth above.

Financial Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the college facilities projects listed above.

Annual Report: The Superintendent/President of the District is required to cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the

amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in Measure __ as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the California Government Code.

COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Completion of the bond projects listed above is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Bond Measure. The District's proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a Statewide bond measure or additional measures. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure __, and not for any other purpose.

SCOPE OF PROJECTS

Bond proceeds will be expended to upgrade, repair, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve educational and support facilities within the District. Projects which are described above include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architectural and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other educational facilities within the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects which are described above as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction.

Whenever specific items are included in the above list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion.

EXHIBIT B

SHORT FORM OF BOND MEASURE

ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION. To repair and upgrade Allan Hancock College's aging classrooms, labs, career training facilities; construct classrooms to improve affordable education for students/veterans in science, math, nursing, welding, machining, skilled trades; offer local four-year degrees with Cal-Poly partnership; fix roofs, plumbing, electrical; and remove asbestos; shall Allan Hancock College's measure authorizing \$290 million in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$19 /\$100,000 assessed value (\$16 million annually while bonds are outstanding), with citizen oversight of locally controlled funding?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds - No

TAX RATE STATEMENT

ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS MEASURE

An election will be held in the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (the "District") on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$290 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This 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 assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is \$19.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2067-68.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$19.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year is 2037-38, and each year while the bond are outstanding.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$618,176,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the respective Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County and Ventura County official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: June 10 2026



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