



October 28, 2024

Board of Trustees Resolution

Supporting Proposition 2:

*Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College
Public Education Facilities, Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024*

Whereas, the California Community College system is the largest postsecondary system of education in the world, enrolling approximately 2 million students each year; and

Whereas, California's 116 community colleges and 72 centers are located in nearly every community in the state, serving more than 70 percent of California's public postsecondary undergraduate students; and

Whereas, the primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to offer academic and vocational instruction, by granting certificates, associate degrees, and select Baccalaureate degrees, and providing transfer opportunities to four-year institutions; and

Whereas, the California Community College Chancellor's Office estimates unmet community college facilities needs of approximately \$27.5 billion over the next five years; and

Whereas, Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities, Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, provides \$1.5 billion to community colleges for constructing new classrooms to accommodate growth and provide job training, repairing health and safety issues, renovating facilities, and equipping learning spaces with essential technology; and

Whereas, the South Orange County Community College District has \$155 million in facility need which may be partially funded by State matching funds; and



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Whereas, facilities support student success and basic needs of our students, providing spaces to access important services like food, health care, counseling, and financial aid; and

Whereas, 13,000 middle class jobs, including almost all building trades, are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investments; and

Whereas, quality community college facilities enhance the education and training of a skilled 21st Century workforce, in furtherance of the State’s academic and economic goals; and

Whereas, Proposition 2 will not raise State taxes, and state matching funds reduce the need for additional local property taxes for college facilities; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District supports Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024.

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