

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN**  
**SUPPORT OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COMMUNITY**  
**COLLEGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2016**

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-15/16**

**WHEREAS**, the California Community College system is the largest postsecondary system of education in the world, enrolling approximately 2.1 million students each year at 72 districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 28 of the California Constitution states that public schools, including community colleges, shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to offer academic and vocational instruction, colleges grant associate in arts degrees, associate in science degrees, and select Baccalaureate Degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, California Community Colleges also perform essential functions in the State's interest by providing workforce training and improvement services, remedial instruction, English as a Second Language courses, adult noncredit instruction, and community service courses; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has met its historic policy of access to higher education by providing consistent State bond capital outlay resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Community College Chancellor's Office estimates unmet community college facilities needs of approximately \$29.2 billion through 2020-21; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is out of community college capital outlay bond funds and is unable to provide \$478 million for 21 projects approved by the Board of Governors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 provides \$2 billion to community colleges for construction of new classrooms to accommodate enrollment growth, repair of health and safety issues, equipping classrooms with essential technology, and renovation of facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside Community College District has \$301 million in facility needs outlined in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 would provide the Riverside Community College District with \$36 million for Riverside City College Life Science/Physical Science Repurpose, \$29.6 million for Moreno Valley College Library Learning Center, and \$81 million for Norco College Multimedia and Arts Center on project list approved by the Board of Governors; and

**WHEREAS**, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate, and Inland Empire has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS**, these jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades;  
and

**WHEREAS**, quality community college facilities enhance the education and training of a skilled 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century workforce, in furtherance of the State's academic and economic goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016  
will not raise State taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016  
State funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College  
District hereby supports the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of  
2016.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of January 2016, at the regular meeting of the Riverside  
Community College District Board of Trustees.



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President of the Board of Trustees  
Riverside Community College District