

Proposition 51 – School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statute.

Whereas, the Santa Clarita Community College District is one of 72 districts that make up the California Community College system, the largest postsecondary system of education in the world, enrolling approximately 2.1 million students each year; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to offer academic and vocational instruction and modern well-equipped facilities are required to fulfill this mission; 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 Santa Clarita Community College District passed a local bond measure in June 2016 and is eligible to receive \$13 million for construction of the Science Center project at the Canyon Country Campus from state bonds; and

WHEREAS, student enrollment in the Santa Clarita Community College District is expected to increase by 50 percent and reach a high of 30,000 students over the next decade; 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

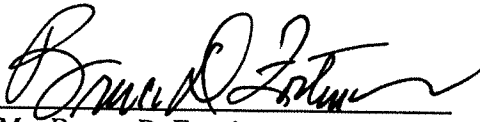
WHEREAS, the number of manufacturing job openings in the United States has risen to its highest level in 15 years because employers cannot find workers with the needed skills to fill positions; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District supports Proposition 51.

Resolution No. 2016/17-04

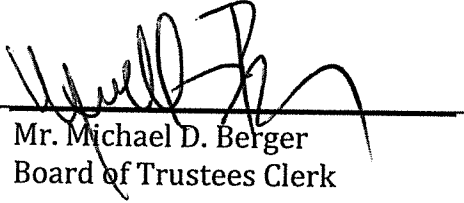
Passed, approved, and adopted this 14th day of September, 2016.



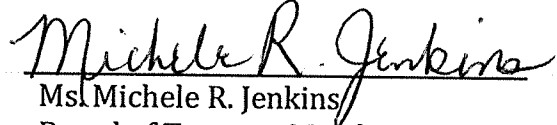
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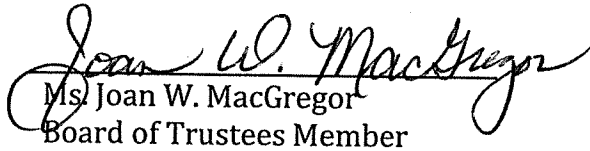
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