

**GOVERNING BOARD
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
OF
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA**

REPORT NO. 41-D

DATE December 9, 2015

PURPOSE Resolution Supporting the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 – ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED

TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached Resolution Supporting the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 be adopted.

FUNDING SOURCE

Not applicable.


BACKGROUND

California has not passed a statewide school construction bond since 2006. The current state budget does not anticipate placing a bond on the 2016 state ballot through the legislative process. Concerned about the declining conditions of school facilities statewide, a coalition of groups formed to place a bond on the ballot using the initiative process. The campaign in support of the initiative is being led by *Californians for Quality Schools*. If the project scores well in the state chancellor's office capital outlay process, passage of a statewide bond may result in the District receiving over \$5 million for the renovation of the gym annex at Contra Costa College.

Disposition **APPROVED**
Governing Board

Date

DEC 09 2015


Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-D
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2016**

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges are the largest postsecondary system of education in the world, enrolling approximately 2.1 million students, including military veteran 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 may grant certificates, associate in arts degrees, associate in science degrees, transfer 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 already 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 Contra Costa Community College District has over \$450 million in facility needs 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 Contra Costa Community College District with \$5.2 million to be used to renovate our Contra Costa College Gym Annex building to increase its seismic safety, accessibility, and usefulness; and

WHEREAS, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment and will include almost all building trades; and

WHEREAS, quality community college facilities enhance the education and training of a skilled 21st century workforce, contributing to 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 Governing Board of the Contra Costa Community College District supports the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2015, by the following roll call vote:

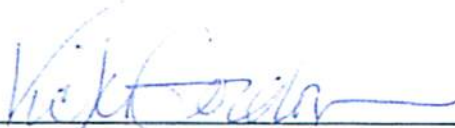
AYES: Vicki Gordon, Greg Enholm, Tim Farley, John E. Márquez, John T. Nejedly, (Student Trustee Advisory Vote)

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:



President, Governing Board
Contra Costa Community College District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Governing Board
Contra Costa Community College District