

Community College League of California Joint Boards Resolution

Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Facilities Bond Act of 2020 State Ballot Proposition 13

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

WHEREAS, California's 115 community colleges and 72 centers are located in nearly every community in the state, serving 20 more than 70 percent of California's public postsecondary undergraduate students;

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to offer academic and vocational instruction. Colleges grant associate degrees, select baccalaureate degrees, and perform essential functions in the State's interest by providing workforce training, transfer opportunities to four-year institutions, English as a Second Language courses, and community service courses; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges grappling with aging infrastructure that will need to be replaced, renovated, or retrofitted in order to adequately serve and support students and a bond will help colleges provide modern facilities to meet evolving program needs;

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 California Community College Chancellor's Office estimates unmet community college facilities needs of approximately \$22 billion over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 is the most robust statewide school bond in history and will invest \$15 billion into school repairs, upgrades and safety measures, making California's school buildings healthier, more secure and more conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Facilities Bond Act of 2020 will provide \$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, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in education 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 21st century workforce, in furtherance of the State's academic and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Facilities Bond Act of 2020 will not raise State taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Facilities Bond Act of 2020 State funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community College League of California Joint Boards supports the Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Facilities Bond Act of 2020.

Passed, approved, and adopted this _____.

SIGNED:

(Name, Title)
Chair, CEOCCC and League Board President

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