

VOTER

INFORMATION GUIDE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT VOTING

When can I vote on this measure?

This measure will appear on the ballot in the June 7, 2016, election.

I vote by mail; when will I get my ballot?

Look out for your ballot in the mail the first week in May.

Who is eligible to vote on this measure?

All registered voters in Marin Community College District will be eligible to vote on this measure.

How can I register to vote?

Visit www.RegistertoVote.ca.gov or call (415) 473-6456 if you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration information. The last day to register to vote in this election is May 23, 2016.

What level of support is required for this measure to pass?

This measure must be supported by 55% of all those who vote in this election in order for it to pass.

How can I find out more about voting?

To find out more about voting, visit www.MarinVotes.org or call (415) 473-6456.



INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

ABOUT COLLEGE OF MARIN'S LOCAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FUNDING MEASURE

College of Marin provides quality and affordable higher education and job training for Marin County residents of all ages. We offer outstanding academic programs that prepare our students for success at four-year universities and advanced training for in-demand careers. We are proud to have the highest transfer rate to U.C. Berkeley of any community college in the state.

ASSESSING COLLEGE OF MARIN'S EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES NEEDS

The oldest building in which College of Marin students attend classes is 80 years old, and other academic buildings are more than 45 years old. In 2014, College of Marin conducted an in-depth assessment of our facilities to ensure classrooms, labs, and other college facilities are safe, efficient, and able to support continued high-quality education for our students. The assessment identified the condition of each of our facilities and the work required to bring them up to current safety, environmental, and educational standards. It also detailed the scheduled maintenance required to protect our investments in these facilities.

SAFE AND UP-TO-DATE CLASSROOMS, LABS, AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FACILITIES

The assessment determined that repairs and upgrades to facilities are necessary to meet current building codes for earthquakes, fires, and safety. Updates were also identified for classrooms, labs, and vocational education facilities in order to support the science, engineering, and technology courses students need to be prepared for college and careers.

Specialized classrooms and training facilities are needed to train firefighters, paramedics, and healthcare professionals. The facilities assessment also identifies facilities needed to provide support and job training to returning veterans.

On February 16, 2016, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place a \$265 million bond measure on the June 7, 2016, ballot to address the needs identified in College of Marin's educational facilities analysis.



Some College of Marin facilities are in need of repairs to provide safe, well-maintained learning environments.



Vocational education equipment must be updated to prepare students for 21st-century careers.

COLLEGE OF MARIN'S EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FUNDING MEASURE

The \$265 million bond measure on the June 7, 2016, ballot would provide funding to improve aging and outdated college facilities by:

- Repairing and upgrading classrooms, science labs, vocational education facilities, and job training centers for 21st-century careers in technology, computers, and engineering
- Repairing or replacing leaking roofs
- Replacing temporary portable classrooms
- Updating older educational facilities to meet current earthquake, fire, and safety codes
- Upgrading campus facilities to provide safe access for disabled students



FEATURES OF THE MEASURE

Funds from this measure would be subject to fiscal accountability protections required by state law, including that:

- Funds may only be used locally to improve College of Marin facilities and could not be taken by the state
- No money could be used for administrator salaries or administration
- A citizens' oversight committee must be appointed to ensure funds are spent as described in the measure
- Independent financial and performance audits must be conducted annually
- The tax rate is not estimated to exceed \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed value as long as the bonds are outstanding



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