

# NOTICE OF ELECTION – BALLOT MEASURE

NOTICE OF BALLOT MEASURES TO BE DECIDED UPON. NOTICE OF TIME WITHIN WHICH ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURES MAY BE FILED WITH THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. NOTICE OF CENTRAL COUNTING LOCATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTIONS LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, THERE WILL BE A GENERAL ELECTION.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION THE FOLLOWING MEASURE SHALL BE PUT TO A VOTE FOR THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

## SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOND MEASURE K

### BALLOT QUESTION

The following is an abbreviated form of the bond measure:

**"DELTA COLLEGE JOB TRAINING, REPAIR, AFFORDABLE LOCAL EDUCATION MEASURE.** To improve local community college classrooms/labs/access for nursing/vocational career training, student safety; remove asbestos, lead paint, mold; ensure safe drinking water, repair deteriorating sewers, roofs; acquire, construct, repair classrooms, sites, facilities, equipment; shall San Joaquin Delta Community College District School Facilities Improvement District No. 1's measure authorizing \$598,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$16 per \$100,000 assessed valuation, generating \$34,800,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring local control, oversight, audits, spending disclosure?"

### FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

#### FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION

SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT REPAIR, STUDENT SAFETY AND JOB TRAINING MEASURE

ELECTION: November 5, 2024

#### "DELTA COLLEGE JOB TRAINING, REPAIR, AFFORDABLE LOCAL EDUCATION

**MEASURE.** To improve local community college classrooms/ labs/ access for nursing/ vocational career training, student safety; remove asbestos, lead paint, mold; ensure safe drinking water; repair deteriorating sewers, roofs; acquire, construct, repair classrooms, sites, facilities, equipment; shall San Joaquin Delta Community College District Facility Improvement District No.1's measure authorizing \$598,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$16 per \$100,000 assessed valuation, generating \$34,800,000 annually, while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring local control, oversight, audits, spending disclosure?"

#### PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of Delta College, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated Delta College's urgent and critical facility needs, and its capacity to provide students, and veterans with support and **job training** facilities, an **affordable education** and prepare them for success in local jobs. Job training facilities, safety issues, class size and offerings, and information and computer technology were each considered in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure. In developing the types of projects described herein, **basic repairs** (such as **removing asbestos** and mold, repairing deteriorating sewer lines, wiring, and roofs and repairing deteriorating bathrooms and plumbing), job training facilities, **student safety**, facilities supporting job training/vocational/agricultural classrooms, and the expansion of opportunities for local students to receive an **affordable, quality education**, were **prioritized**. If these facility needs are not addressed now, Delta College would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for jobs in high demand industries and **transfer to four-year colleges and universities**.

The Board of Trustees determines that **Delta College MUST:**

- (i) **Remove asbestos, lead paint, and mold;**
- (ii) **Provide clean drinking water;**
- (iii) **Upgrade job training and vocational classrooms;**
- (iv) **Increase local, affordable access to higher education;**
- (v) **Prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities;**
- (vi) **Improve student safety on campus.**

The types of projects which are authorized to be undertaken at all Delta College campuses and education centers, include:

#### PROVIDE LOCAL STUDENTS AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Basic Improvements Needed To Allow Delta College to Provide Job Training and Vocational

#### Programs That Are Needed To Prepare Students For Good-Paying Local Jobs

**Goals and Purposes:** Delta College is an essential resource for students seeking a career and vocational education that provides the job training, technical knowledge, and specialized skills to compete for good-paying careers. This bond measure will allow our local community college to upgrade career and vocational education programs, so students can compete for in-demand jobs in skilled trades like welding, automotive technology, heavy machinery operation and more

Last year saw a record number of school shootings in the U.S. putting over 43,000 students in harm's way. Our local community college needs to enhance security, including upgrading emergency communications systems, lighting, door locks, alarms and cameras to make our local community college a safer place for students, faculty, staff, and community members who use the campus.

Most of the classroom buildings at Delta College were built decades ago and need essential health and safety repairs and upgrades. Funds from this measure will be used to safely remove hazardous materials including lead paint, asbestos and mold, repair leaky roofs, deteriorating restrooms, plumbing, and electrical systems, and ensure safe drinking water so students can learn in safe, healthy classrooms.

- Repair or replace leaky roofs, deteriorating sewers, wiring, bathrooms and plumbing.
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for career technical education programs to prepare students to enter the workforce.
- Improve energy and water conservation to reduce costs.
- Improve access to reliable wifi on all campuses.
- Remove asbestos, lead paint, and mold.
- Improve security and safety systems.
- Replace outdated and inefficient technology in classrooms.
- Provide clean drinking water.
- Improve access for disabled students.
- Install fire safety equipment including alarms, smoke detectors, and fire safety doors.

#### PROVIDE JOB TRAINING AND COLLEGE TRANSFER:

#### **Classroom and Program Improvements To Help Local Students, and Veterans Transfer to Four-Year Universities; Be Trained For Careers Including Agriculture, Nursing, and First Responders**

**Goals and Purposes:** Many of the local paramedics and emergency first responders in our area get their training at Delta College. This measure will help maintain and upgrade the equipment and facilities for training the first responders who protect and serve our community.

**Up to 80% of local nurses rely on their local community colleges to receive their training. This measure will help train the local nurses and nursing assistants, EMTs, and other medical professionals who serve our community on a regular basis and who we will need for future public health emergencies.**

**With the cost of attending California public universities more than six times that of community colleges, more and more local students and their families rely on Delta College for an affordable gateway to higher education and job training. This measure will help protect and enhance the quality of education at Delta College and improve access for local families and students.**

- Upgrade and expand science, computer, and technology labs.
- Improve classrooms for engineering, robotics and applied science.
- **Upgrade nursing training classrooms and labs.**
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for science technology, engineering and math.
- Upgrade training classrooms and labs for EMTs.
- Upgrade classrooms and technology to help train local teachers.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses, a customary contingency, and costs associated with the Total Cost of Ownership of facilities and equipment. In addition to the listed types of projects stated above, the types of authorized projects of the measure also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including interim funding incurred to advance fund projects and the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations, payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, fiscal reporting, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, including upgrading the central plant, acquire vehicles; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies including photovoltaic/solar installations, battery energy storage and electric vehicle charging stations; repair and replace worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; replace or remove outdated buildings and classrooms and construct new classrooms and support buildings; upgrade wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability, State compliance standards and earthquake safety; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replace or relocate hard courts, tracks, fields, turf and irrigation systems; replace turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; build new or renovate existing facilities such as a science/STEM building, career and technical education building, planetarium, student event center, student union and support services buildings, bookstore, boardroom, parking structures; build new sports fields, gymnasiums and other athletic facilities; upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots, roads and sidewalks; improve vehicular access and circulation; improve drop-off zones; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; plan, construction, acquire or contribute to affordable student housing units; replace water lines and valves and sewer lines; construct, upgrade, acquire or expand, multi-use classrooms and labs, expand and improve outdoor learning spaces, swing space, student resources center, student library, outdoor classrooms/performance space, interdisciplinary community center, fine/theater and visual arts, music and performing arts facilities, field lights, bleachers, press box, track replacement, collaborative office suites and administrative offices, purchasing and maintenance facility, agricultural dorms, animal science barns, greenhouse, nursery, botanical garden laboratory and public safety facilities; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; acquire land; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage to reflect better wayfinding, install electronic signage, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install or upgrade new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, safety bollards, fencing, landscaping, gates, gateways and classroom key cards/door locks; replace sewer lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths and pathways and bridges for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout all Delta College campuses, acquire portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP communication systems, audio/visual and telecommunications systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones, identity access cards, modernizing core network infrastructure and the construction of a data center in the cloud for Delta College's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, domain name systems, cloud applications, integration servers, databases and security software.

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the final costs of each project. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be impacted by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project or decisions will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final budgets of projects or on the then current priorities of the District, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be undertaken. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. In addition to the listed types of projects stated above, the types of authorized projects of the measure also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment. Necessary site preparation/restoration, including the acquisition and installation of temporary facilities (swing space) may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or the installation and removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code Section 53410.

#### FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:**

1. All money will benefit Delta College campuses and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.
2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES or pensions.
3. Require TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT and yearly audits to ensure all funds are used locally, effectively and as promised.
4. **NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES.** Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of college/school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of college/school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty and college administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.
5. **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.** THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

#### ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS TIMELINE

Monday, July 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. is hereby fixed as the final date and time for the filing of arguments. Arguments for or against the measures listed are not to exceed 300 words in length. The 10-calendar day required public viewing period will be from Tuesday, July 30, through Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. is hereby fixed as the final date and time for the filing of rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments are not to exceed 250 words in length. The 10-calendar day required public viewing period will be from Friday, August 9, through Sunday, August 18, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT California Elections Code Section 9600 governs the form of said arguments and/or rebuttals. Arguments and/or rebuttals submitted to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' Office must follow E.C. 9600. Authors of said arguments/rebuttals may call the Registrar of Voters' Office at (209) 468-8945 for more information on submitting an argument for or against a measure. To be eligible for printing and distribution as provided by law, such arguments and rebuttals must be received and filed at the Registrar of Voters' Office, 44 N. San Joaquin St, Suite 350, Stockton, CA 95202, no later than said date and time. All arguments and rebuttals must be submitted in block format. Limited use of bolding, underlining, capitalizing, italics or bullets (small solid circle only) is permitted. Arguments and rebuttals that are not in compliance will be reformatted and set in uniform type.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT Vote by Mail processing may begin on the 29th day before the election, which is Monday, October 7, 2024. All ballots cast in the November 5, 2024, General Election shall be tallied at the central counting place, the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' warehouse located at 7585 Longe Street, Suite 112, Stockton, California. Initial results will be available at 8:15 p.m. on election night and continue until the count is completed. Persons interested in viewing these procedures should contact the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' Office at (209) 468-8945 for further information. (EC §§ 12109, 15101, 15104)

Office of the Registrar of Voters

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