November 5, 2002
General Election

Total Yes Votes: 7,404 58.65%
Total No Votes: 5,220 41.35%

KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SAFETY, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

(required to pass: 55% of votes cast)

Bond Measure G

To prepare students for four-year colleges and jobs in nursing, public safety, and business at Bakersfield, Cerro Coso, and Porterville Colleges by removing hazardous materials, leaky roofs, decaying walls; improving fire safety, lighting, and security systems; upgrading computer technology; renovating, constructing, equipping/acquiring buildings, classrooms; shall Kern Community College Safety, Repair and Improvement District issue $180 million in bonds at legal rates, with annual fiscal audits, a Citizens Oversight Committee; NO money for administrators' salaries?

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE G

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Kern Community College District's Safety, Repair and Improvement District.

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Kern Community College Safety, Repair and Improvement District Bond of 2002.

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<u>BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Improvement District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to $180 million in aggregated principal at interest rates

below the legal limit, to provide finance for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A-1 shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

Approval of this Bond Measure (the "Measure") does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the Measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Measure. If state matching funds become available, they will be used for and applied to the Bond Project List as per Exhibit A-1. The District's proposal for the project or projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. The proposed projects include all related and incidental costs, including costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, and incidental costs.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

Evaluation of Needs. The Board, after a year long process involving staff members, students, and community members at each school site throughout district, has prepared an updated facilities plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District and determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A-1.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the community college facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board. The Independent Citizens' Oversight

Committee must include representatives of bona fide Taxpayer, Business, and Senior organizations, among others. NO District vendors or employees may serve on the Oversight Committee.

Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expanded only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1. Annual performance audits shall be overseen by the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and the results issued to the public.

Financial Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the community college facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1. Annual financial audits shall be overseen by the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and the results issued to the public.

Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Chancellor of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2004, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Chancellor shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school-operation expenses.

The proceeds of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Kern County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE G CONTINUED
EXHIBIT A-1

The Governing Board of the Kern Community College District has evaluated safety, technology and instructional needs in developing the scope of college facility projects to be funded as outlined in the District's Educational/Facilities Master Plan, amended from time to time, on file at the District's Chancellor's Office. Key projects and estimated costs are identified below.

PROJECTS:

Projects to be completed at Bakersfield College (BC), Cerro Coso College (CC), Porterville College (PC) and District-wide(D)

Additional Classrooms and Renovation $99,675,000

- Additional Classrooms-Ridgecrest (CC)
- Expanding Classrooms in Health Services (PC)
- Expand Delano Education Center (BC)
- Additional Classrooms for Satellite Education Centers (D)
- Improving Classrooms in the Agricultural Instructional Facility (PC)
- Expanding the Computer/Applied Technology Facility (PC)
- Expand Media/Art/Performing Arts Classrooms (CC)
- Acquire land to expand local education center(s) (D)
- Improve Student Services Facilities (PC)
- Improve/Upgrade Health/Fitness Center, Physical Education facilities (PC)
- Renovate Science Learning Center (CC)
- Renovate/Construct Science and Engineering Facilities (BC)
- Construct Labs (BC. CC, PC)
- Expand Child Development Facilities (CC)

Health and Safety Upgrades $44,520,000

Upgrade Buildings, including replacing outdated safety and utility systems

- Upgrade deteriorating classrooms, instructional spaces and facilities for: Language Arts, Levinson Hall (BC)
- Upgrade electrical infrastructure campus wide (BC)
- Remove Asbestos and hazardous materials (CC)
- Modernize outdated Applied Science & Technology facilities for health/safety (BC)
- Modernize Business Education and Fine Arts Buildings for

health/safety (BC)

- Upgrade outdated Classrooms/Labs for health/safety (BC, CC, PC)
- Acquire updated physical education equipment, improve physical education fields/facilities for health/safety (BC, CC, PC)
- Construct Water Well (CC)

Energy Efficiency Improvements $7,550,000

- Install Solar Energy Systems for energy efficiency (CC)
- Replace outdated Heating and Air Conditioning units for energy efficiency (PC)

Site Improvements for Accessibility, Safety & Security $905,000

- Install modern Fire Alarm Systems (PC)
- Repair and resurface unsafe blacktop in parking lot(s) for safety (CC)
- Install Emergency Telephone Systems for safety/security (PC)

Information Technology and Equipment $27,350,000

- Install modern computer technology District-wide at colleges and education centers (D)
- Replace outdated Instructional Equipment (BC, PC, CC)
- Modernize College Learning Center (BC)
- Install Distance Learning technology at colleges and education centers (D)
- Install modern wiring/technology in college libraries and computer technology centers (D)
- Upgrade College Telephone Systems (BC, CC, PC)
- Replace outdated Technology Equipment (BC, CC, PC)

TOTAL
$180,000,000

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY KERN COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE G

The Kern Community College Safety, Repair and Improvement District ("Improvement District") was formed by the Kern Community College District ("District") which includes Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College and Porterville College. A "Yes" vote by at least fifty five percent (55%) of the voters voting on this measure will authorize the issuance and sale of bonds for the benefit of the Improvement District in an amount up to $180,000,000.

As required by law, the Board of Trustees of the District ("Board") has listed the specific projects to be funded by the bonds. Those projects include district-wide projects as well as individual projects to be completed at each of the three colleges mentioned above. The projects are all included in one of the following categories: additional classrooms and renovation; health and safety upgrades; energy efficiency improvements; site improvements for accessibility, safety and security; and information technology and equipment. A complete list of the projects is available at the District's offices and at the Kern County Department of Elections.

The Board will conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the listed projects and an annual independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of the proceeds have been spent. The Board will appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The Chancellor of the District will file an annual report with the Board which will include the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of the listed projects.

The bond debt will be a general obligation of the Improvement District and will be financed by property taxes levied annually on secured and unsecured taxable property located within the improvement District in an amount necessary to pay the annual debt obligation. This property tax rate increase will continue for the period necessary to pay off the bond debt.

As a matter of law, the interest rate on the bonds cannot exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum. The interest rate will be established at the time of the sale of the bonds and will depend on prevailing market rates. In the Improvement District's Tax Rate Statement, it has provided its best estimate of the tax rates which will be applied to pay the debt at various intervals during the life of the bonds.

This wording applies to Measure G:
Approval of Measure G does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Kern Community College District that are the subject of bonds under Measure G will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure G. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE G

An election will be held in the Kern Community College Facilities Improvement District of the Kern Community College District of Kern, Tulare and San Bernardino Counties on November 5, 2002, to authorize the sale of $180,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9401 and 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of bonds based on a projection of future assessed valuations is $0.012 per $100 ($12 per $100,000) of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2003-2004.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issued during the first fiscal year after the last sale of bonds if the bonds are sold in series, and an estimate of the fiscal year in which that rate will apply, based on a projection of future assessed valuations is $0.012 per $100 ($12 per $100,000) of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2013-14.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the fiscal year in which that rate will apply, based on a projection of future assessed valulations, is again $0.012 per $100 ($12 per $100,000) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at

each sale, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: 8-1-2002

s/ Walter J. Packard
Chancellor
Kern Community College District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

VOTE YES ON G FOR FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY, QUALITY EDUCATION AND SAFETY AT OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

For over 50 years, Bakersfield, Cerro Coso, and Porterville Community Colleges have provided excellent, affordable education for over a million local students.

Our colleges provide skilled workforces, prepare students for better paying jobs and 4-year universities, and keep your neighborhood safe and healthy. Our police, fire, and nurse training programs have graduated thousands of health and safety professionals to serve your needs.

However, aging college classrooms, lecture halls, and buildings threaten quality education. Classrooms and labs lack adequate wiring for computers and technology. Outdated fire safety, electrical, heating and plumbing systems need replacement. Additional classrooms are needed. Community colleges get 50% of what others receive from state funding, yet the same classes are taught at both. To meet state laws, campus maintenance suffers.

Measure G:

- Ensures fiscal accountability.
- Improves colleges now, while it's less expensive.

Students, faculty and staff prioritized critical needs, with community input. The bond benefits all campuses, including Delano. Projects include:

- Constructing classrooms, labs, lecture halls;

- Removing asbestos, leaky roofs, decaying walls;
- Updating fire safety, lighting, security systems;
- Replacing obsolete computer technology, electrical systems from the 1950's;
- Replacing outdated heating/A.C. units for energy efficiency;
- Improving overcrowded science/engineering classrooms;
- Expanding law enforcement/health training programs.

Measure G is subject to tough fiscal accountability laws, ensuring strict financial controls.

An independent, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee of volunteers--including business, taxpayer advocate, senior representatives and construction/finance experts--will monitor funds, ensuring "no frills" spending as promised to voters.

NO College District vendors/employees can serve on the Bond Oversight Committee. State laws prohibit using bond funds for teachers'/administrators' salaries.

For fiscal accountability and safe, improved local community colleges, vote YES on G.

s/ Roy Weygand, President, Kern County Taxpayers' Association
s/ Jon Van Boening, President, Memorial Hospital
s/ Edward "Ted" Cornell, Porterville Rancher and Farmer
s/ Dr. Lawrence N. Cosner, Jr., M.D., Medical Director, Quality Management
s/ Mrs. Mary K. Shell, Past Mayor of Bakersfield/Past Member, Kern County Board of Supervisors

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED