RESOLUTION NO. 18-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District (the “District”) has determined that certain educational facilities need to be constructed, renovated, acquired and equipped, in a fiscally prudent manner, to enable the District to maintain Mt. San Antonio College as a valuable community resource that provides an affordable education to local students and veterans who desire to learn job skills and transfer to four-year universities; and

WHEREAS, since the costs of attending California’s public universities has become so expensive, more local students are relying on community colleges, such as Mt. San Antonio College, and the high quality, affordable college options it provides; and

WHEREAS, in today’s competitive job environment, Mt. San Antonio College must continue providing important job training and education for local residents entering the workforce for new professions and increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, because of our changing economy our classrooms and labs must be upgraded to provide students with up-to-date skills and modern technology that will allow for needed programs to keep our local economy strong; and

WHEREAS, Mt. San Antonio College wants to upgrade school security to keep students safe by installing cameras, lighting, and up-to-date security measures including improved security and emergency communication systems; and

WHEREAS, some buildings on campus are over 75-years old and need basic improvements such as the removal of asbestos and mold, the repair of leaky roofs and deteriorating restrooms and plumbing, and the replacement of outdated electrical, security, and fire safety systems; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as Mt. San Antonio College serves over a thousand military veterans, many of whom have recently returned from war zones, Mt. San Antonio College needs to upgrade and expand facilities for veteran services and job training so returning military service members receive the academic and career counseling and support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State is not providing the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain Mt. San Antonio College’s educational facilities and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the feasibility of a local bond measure and the District’s bonding capacity; and
WHEREAS, a local measure will provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State to support local college transfer and job training; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will permit the District to ensure a safe, healthy work and study environment by improving campus safety, repairing leaky roofs, and deteriorating gas, electrical and sewer lines; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will update Mt. San Antonio College education facilities and technology to prepare students for 21st century jobs; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will help Mt. San Antonio College expand vocational training programs for disabled students; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will permit the District to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students by upgrading or replacing aging, seismically unsafe buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, such a local measure will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens’ oversight of all funds and mandatory annual financial audits to ensure funds are spent only as authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District has solicited stakeholder and community input on priorities from students, faculty, staff, business and civic leaders, and the community; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional funding for job training and workforce preparation for students of all ages, veterans and local residents and to improve facilities for course opportunities in science, technology, engineering, nursing, and other technical vocational careers, by means of a general obligation bond issued in a financially prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act (“Proposition 39”) which reduced the voter threshold for ad valorem tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a community college district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the “Act”) became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight which are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39, which prohibit any bond money to be used for administrator salaries and other operating expenses of the District shall be strictly monitored by the District’s Citizens’ Oversight Committee; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per $100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9400 et seq. of the Elections Code (the “Elections Code”) requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2018, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election pursuant to Proposition 39 on the question of whether general obligation bonds shall be issued and sold on behalf of the District for purposes set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 et seq., Sections 15264 et seq. and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of $750,000,000 (the “Bonds”) shall be issued and sold to raise money for the purposes described in Exhibits “A” and “B” hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter sample ballot pamphlet. The District’s Superintendent/President, Vice President, Administrative Services, or designee of the Superintendent/President is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirement of law.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 6, 2018.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference herein, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot proposition in Exhibit “A” is subject to the following requirements and determinations:
(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including faculty and administrator salaries and other college operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in compliance with Proposition 39, and in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B", evaluated the needs of returning veterans, safety, university transfer, enrollment trends, class size reduction, class availability, information technology and technical job training facilities of the District;

(c) that the Board will cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond moneys get expended for the projects identified in Exhibits “A” and “B” hereto;

(d) that the Board will cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended and accounted for;

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens’ Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274. The Citizens’ Oversight Committee shall initially consist of at least seven (7) members and at no time consist of less than seven (7) members, with the possible exception of brief periods to fill any unexpected vacancies. The Citizens' Oversight Committee may not include any employee or official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District. The Citizens’ Oversight Committee shall include all of the following: One (1) member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District; One (1) member who is active in a senior citizens’ organization; One member who is active in a bona fide taxpayer association. In furtherance of its specifically enumerated purposes, the Citizens’ Oversight Committee may engage in any of the following activities relating solely and exclusively to the expenditure of the Proposition 39 bond proceeds:

   (i) Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial and performance audits performed by independent consultant(s);

   (ii) Inspect District facilities and grounds to ensure that Proposition 39 bond revenues are expended in compliance with applicable law;

   (iii) Receive and review copies of all scheduled maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District;

   (iv) Review efforts of the District to maximize Proposition 39 bond revenues by implementing cost-saving programs; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per $100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII-A of the California Constitution.
Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15340 *et seq.* and 15264 *et seq.* and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2018 within the District, and pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be held and conducted in the manner described in Election Codes Section 10418.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall stand as the “order of election” to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 6, 2018.

Section 8. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 10, 2018.

Section 9. That the bonds shall be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15300 *et seq.* or issued pursuant to Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531. The Board approves the filing of a Tax Rate Statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, and directs their publication in accordance with the requirements of the Elections Code.

Section 10. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

Section 11. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 24th day of July, 2018.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By ________________________________

Dr. Manuel Baca
President, Board of Trustees
Mt. San Antonio Community College District

Attest:

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William T. Scroggins
College President and CEO and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Mt. San Antonio Community College District
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY  

I, William Scroggins, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 18-01 which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District at meeting thereof held on the 24th day of July 2018, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By ________________________________

William T. Scroggins
College President and CEO and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Mt. San Antonio Community College District
EXHIBIT A

“MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT JOB TRAINING, COLLEGE TRANSFER, CLASSROOM REPAIR, SAFETY MEASURE. To upgrade job training/college transfer/vocational classrooms, science, computer/technology labs, improve student safety, veterans’ career resources, access for disabled students; remove asbestos, replace deteriorating roofs, gas, electrical/sewer lines; acquire, construct, repair sites, facilities, equipment; shall Mt. San Antonio Community College District’s measure authorizing $750,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, levying 2.5 cents/$100 assessed valuation, $37,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring annual audits/citizen oversight?”

Bonds - Yes          Bonds – No
EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION

MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER EDUCATION, REPAIR AND STUDENT SAFETY MEASURE

ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2018

“MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT JOB TRAINING, COLLEGE TRANSFER, CLASSROOM REPAIR, SAFETY MEASURE. To upgrade job training/college transfer/vocational classrooms, science, computer/technology labs, improve student safety, veterans’ career resources, access for disabled students; remove asbestos, replace deteriorating roofs, gas, electrical/sewer lines; acquire, construct, repair sites, facilities, equipment; shall Mt. San Antonio Community College District’s measure authorizing $750,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, levying 2.5 cents/$100 assessed valuation, $37,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring annual audits/citizen oversight?”

Bonds - Yes  Bonds – No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated Mt. San Antonio 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 college and careers. 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, as such are described below and also outlined in the District’s 2018 Educational and Facilities Master Plan (EFMP), dated May 9, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety (the “Master Plan”), and available for review on the District’s website, www.mtsac.edu. In developing the types of projects, basic repairs (such as removing asbestos and mold, repairing deteriorating, electrical and sewer lines and improving access for disabled students), job training facilities, student safety, facilities supporting Veterans, and the expansion of opportunities for local students to receive an affordable, quality education, were prioritized. If these facility needs are not addressed now, Mt. San Antonio College would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for jobs in high demand industries and university transfer.

The Board of Trustees determines that Mt. San Antonio College MUST:

(i) Provide an affordable local alternative to four-year universities for local students and returning veterans;

(ii) Provide job training and vocational programs that are needed to keep our local economy strong;

(iii) Respond to the changing economy by upgrading classrooms and labs so students have up-to-date skills and access to modern technology;
(iv) Ensure that Mt. San Antonio College expands access so more students can enroll in high-quality and affordable education programs to help students transfer to a four year college and allow high school students to get a jumpstart taking college courses.

The following types of projects which are authorized to be undertaken at Mt. San Antonio College, include:

PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL STUDENTS AND VETERANS:

Basic Upgrade Projects Needed Allow Mt. San Antonio College to Provide Job Training and Vocational Programs That Are Needed To Keep the Local Economy Strong

Goals and Purposes: Several buildings at Mt. San Antonio College are over 75-years old and need basic improvements. Funds will be used to remove asbestos, repair leaky roofs and deteriorating restrooms and plumbing, improve handicapped accessibility, update the storm water system to prevent water pollution, replace outdated electrical and air-conditioning systems and upgrade security and fire safety systems.

Mt. San Antonio College is an essential resource for students seeking vocational education that provides the job training, technical knowledge, and specialized skills to compete for good paying, modern careers. This bond measure will upgrade workforce development programs to train and prepare students for today's in-demand jobs and a competitive global economy.

- Improve access to college facilities for people with disabilities.
- Repair deteriorating gas, electrical and sewer lines.
- Repair or replace leaky roofs, 40-year old plumbing, electrical and heating systems, decaying walls and drainage systems.
- Upgrade aging, seismically unsafe buildings and facilities.
- Improve college safety and security systems, including fire security and sprinklers, safety lighting, security door locks, security cameras and emergency communication systems.

PROVIDE EARLY COLLEGE, JOB TRAINING AND COLLEGE TRANSFER:

Classroom and Program Improvements To Help Local Students and Veterans Transfer to Four-Year Universities; Be Trained For Good Paying, Modern Careers; or Allow High School To Jumpstart Earning College Credits

Goal and Purpose: Mt. San Antonio College’s high-quality and affordable education programs help students to transfer to four-year universities and allow high school
students to get a jumpstart on earning college credit by taking college courses. This measure will ensure that Mt. SAC can expand access so more students can attend college.

Mt. San Antonio College serves over a thousand military veterans, many of whom have recently returned from war zones. This measure will upgrade and expand facilities for veteran services and job training so returning Service Members receive the academic and career counseling and support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

- Expand vocational training facilities/programs for disabled students.
- Upgrade science, computer and technology labs; construct new permanent buildings.
- Expand career and academic counseling facilities/resources for students.
- Upgrade job training and vocational classrooms.
- Repair deteriorating classrooms and facilities.

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; acquire vehicles; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies including the installation of solar panels or arrays; 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; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability and State compliance standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replacing or relocate hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; install artificial turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; build new facilities as described in the Facilities Master Plan, including, science building, student center, indoor/outdoor physical education facilities, library/learning resource center, adult education, auditorium, bookstore, fine arts, Makerspace, continuing education, student services, technical education, transit center, parking structures, tennis courts/parking, gym, wellness center, physical education complex (including stadium); major renovation projects include the construction, expansion, upgrade or reconfiguration of facilities including college service buildings 6 and 23, general instruction classroom buildings (28AB), humanities and social sciences (26ABCD), science classrooms (7 and 60) and student services (9B); smaller projects include improvements to Brackett Field, fire training facilities, Heritage Hall, Maintenance and Operations Building 47, Receiving and
Transportation Building 48, reuse depot, sand volleyball courts, athletic toilet rooms and concessions, and Studio Theater 2T; upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots, roads and sidewalks; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water lines and valves and sewer lines; construct, upgrade, acquire or expand farm precinct (including Farm Road realignment), natural habitat and urban forest upgrades, multi-use classrooms and labs, swing space, outdoor classrooms/ performance space, field lights, bleachers, press box, track replacement, and collaborative office suites; 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 wayfinding master plan, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install or upgrade new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, landscaping, gates, gateways and classroom 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; and all projects authorized by the District’s Measure RR, approved by the voters on November 4, 2008 along with the refinancing of bond anticipation notes issued to fund Measure RR projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout both 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 and the creation and funding of a technology endowment.

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. 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 affected by factors beyond the District’s control. The final cost of each project 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 costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. 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. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or 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 § 53410.

**FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

1. **All money will benefit Mt. San Antonio College campus 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 school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of 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.