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NEWS

Voters Approve Measure M

Costa Mesa, Ca.— In yesterday’s General Election, constituents in the Coast Community College District approved a \$698-million General Obligation bond for Coast Colleges.

“We are incredibly grateful for this victory,” Board President Jim Moreno stated. “We asked our community for their support of our three community colleges and we are very grateful for their trust in our ability to continue to provide world class education opportunities for our students.”

The Board voted to place the measure on the ballot in July and will use the monies to repair aging facilities and upgrade technology at its three colleges – Coastline Community College, Golden West College and Orange Coast College. Many of the campus facilities have been in use for over 60 years. According to Moreno, “the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees wants to thank our constituents for approving this bond measure and for believing in our mission of higher education.”

“This bond measure will give us the opportunity to provide modern facilities for the future,” said Chancellor Andrew Jones. “Technology changes very quickly and it is imperative that we are able to keep pace so that our students benefit from relevant and advanced programs and services. Measure M will help us provide that updated technology.”

The funding was identified as necessary after the District and its three colleges completed an extensive master plan for educational services and facilities, known as Vision 2020. “The decision to go forward with Measure M was carefully considered,” Moreno stated. “Because of the planning developed and set forth in Vision 2020, the Board was able to clearly articulate the vision for our future students.”

The measure passed by earning 55.9% of the “yes” vote in yesterday’s election. It was endorsed by the Orange County Business Council and approved by the OC Tax group for meeting all accountability requirements set forth in Proposition 39. Official election results are expected from the Orange County Registrar of Voters in the coming days.

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The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.