

RESOLUTION NO. 072016-2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORDERING A
BOND ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY
ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Desert Community College District (the "District"), located primarily in the County of Riverside ("Riverside County") and partially in the County of Imperial ("Imperial County" and together with Riverside County, the "Counties"), is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code (the "Education Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and Section 15266 of the Education Code, community college districts may seek approval of bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a 55% vote of those voting on a proposition for the purposes hereinafter specified, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition, including performance and financial audits and oversight by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that all funds are spent properly and as promised to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors, which, if approved by 55% of the votes cast, would permit the District to issue its bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 5303 of the Education Code provides that in an election to be conducted in a district located in more than one county, the elections clerks of both counties shall by mutual agreement provide for the performance of the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of all district elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that the Registrar of Voters of Riverside County (the "Riverside County Registrar of Voters") shall bear primary responsibility for conducting the election; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to request that the Riverside County Registrar of Voters and the Registrar of Voters of Imperial County (the "Imperial County Registrar of Voters" and together with the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, the "Registrars of Voters") come to a mutual agreement for the performance of such elections clerk duties in connection with the bond

proposition to be submitted to the voters in compliance with Section 5303 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the District are entitled to vote, as required by Section 15266 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, a statewide general election is scheduled to be conducted throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, 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 maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15270(b) of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the California 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 ballot argument in favor of the bond proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Desert Community College District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Specifications of Election Order; Required Certification. Pursuant to Education Code Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and 15266, a special election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the bond proposition contained in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. In accordance with Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and as provided in the text of the bond proposition, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the bond project list set forth in the bond proposition.

Section 3. Conduct of Election. (a) *Request to County Officers.* Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code, the Registrars of Voters are required to, and are hereby requested to, take all steps to hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications. The District hereby further requests that the Riverside County Registrar of Voters and the Imperial County Registrar of Voters come to a mutual agreement for the performance of elections clerk duties in connection with the bond proposition in compliance with Section 5303 of the Education Code.

(b) *Abbreviation of Proposition.* Pursuant to Section 13247 of the Elections Code and Section 15122 of the Education Code, the Board hereby directs the Registrars of Voters to use the following abbreviation of the bond proposition on the ballot:

“For College of the Desert to modernize career training facilities for nursing, public safety, science, technology, engineering and other in-demand jobs that prepare students for success in college/careers; repair/construct/acquire classrooms, facilities, sites and equipment throughout Coachella Valley; improve the Veteran's Center to provide counseling/training/job placement for returning veterans, shall Desert Community College District issue \$577,860,000 in bonds at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrators and all money locally-controlled?”

(c) *Voter Pamphlet.* The Registrars of Voters are hereby requested to reprint the full text of the bond proposition as set forth in Exhibit A in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. In the event the full text of the bond proposition is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrars of Voters are hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure __. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the [Riverside/Imperial] County Registrar of Voters at [(951) 468-7200/(442) 265-1060] or the Desert Community College District at (760) 674-7625, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure __ is also available on the Internet at <http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu>.”

(d) *Accountability Safeguards.* In the event the full text of the bond proposition is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrars of Voters are hereby requested to include the following statement in the ballot in compliance with Section 15272 of the Education Code:

“If Measure __ is approved, the Board of Trustees of the Desert Community College District will appoint a citizens’ oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that bond funds are spent only on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of college facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of college facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for college facilities, and for no other purposes.”

(e) *State Matching Funds.* The District has determined that the projects to be funded from the proposed bonds will not require State matching funds for any phase thereof, and that Section 15122.5 of the Education Code does not apply to the bond proposition, and accordingly, the Registrars of Voters are directed not to include the disclosure otherwise required by Section 15122.5 of the Education Code.

(f) *Consolidation Requirement.* Pursuant to Section 15266(a) of the Education Code, the election shall be consolidated with the statewide general election on November 8, 2016, and pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Registrars of Voters and the Board of Supervisors of the Counties are hereby requested to order consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same. The District hereby acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by Section 10418 of the Elections Code.

(g) *Canvass of Results.* The Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, pursuant to Section 10411 of the Elections Code.

(h) *Required Vote.* Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, the bond proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of those voters voting on the proposition.

(i) *Election Costs.* The District shall pay all costs of the election approved by the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties pursuant to Education Code Section 5421.

Section 4. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Clerk of the Board of the District is hereby directed to cause to be filed as soon as practicable, and in any event no later than August 12, 2016 (which date is not fewer than 88 days prior to the date set for the election), one copy of this Resolution to each of the Registrar of Voters, including the tax rate statement attached hereto as Exhibit B, containing the information required by Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.*, completed and signed by the Superintendent of the District, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties.

Section 5. Ballot Arguments. The Chairperson of the Board, or any member or members of the Board as the Chairperson shall designate, are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with each of the Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the bond proposition, within the time established by the Registrars of Voters, which shall be considered the official ballot argument of the Board as sponsor of the bond proposition.

Section 6. Further Authorization. The members of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, and all other officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in accordance with the terms hereof and of applicable provisions of law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by a two-thirds vote.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, July 20, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

APPROVED:


Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
Desert Community College District

Attest:


Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
Desert Community College District

EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT OF BOND PROPOSITION

**DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COLLEGE EXPANSION, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION MEASURE**

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the “Desert Community College District College Expansion, Repair and Modernization Measure” or as “Measure ___”. *[designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters]*

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Desert Community College District (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$577,860,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific facilities projects listed under the heading entitled “BOND PROJECT LIST” below (the “Bond Project List”), subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

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

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees of the District (the “Board”) has conducted a thorough assessment of all facilities in order to evaluate and address the facilities needs of the District at each campus and facility, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of college facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of college facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for college facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other college operating expenses.

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 for the community college facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The

committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board. In accordance with Section 15282 of the Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a student who is both currently enrolled in the District and active in a community college group, such as student government, and a member that is active in the support and organization of a community college or the community colleges of the District, such as a member of an advisory council or foundation. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the community college facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Annual 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 the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

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 Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2018, stating (a) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (b) 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 Superintendent of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single

purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of the bond proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular District facility or site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. Any authorized repairs shall be capital expenditures. The project list does not authorize non-capital expenditures. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds from non-bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects and redevelopment pass-through funds, have not yet been secured and/or received. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds of the bonds under this proposition are as follows:

**COLLEGE EXPANSION, REPAIR AND
MODERNIZATION PROJECTS**

The following projects are authorized to be financed at the District's new, future and existing campuses and college locations, including:

Palm Desert Campus

Indio Campus

East Valley Campus

West Valley Campus

Community Centered sites throughout the Coachella Valley

- Modernize, upgrade, renovate, rehabilitate, re-configure, repair, replace, restore, expand and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, labs (including science and technology labs), career training facilities, career placement centers/facilities, veterans support services facilities, public safety training facilities, theater/performing arts facilities, childcare facilities, restrooms, common areas and college support and administration facilities (including library, multipurpose room/auditorium, food storage, preparation and service, cafeteria and office/staff/faculty support facilities, whether permanent, portable or modular including interior and exterior (as applicable)), doors, windows, door and window hardware, roofs, rain gutters and downspouts, walls, ceilings and floors and finishes, paint, siding, insulation, casework, cabinets, secured storage, carpets, drapes, window coverings, infrastructure, lighting, acoustics, staging, sinks, drinking fountains, fixtures, signage, fencing, landscaping, furniture and equipment.
- Construct new campus buildings, including classrooms/classroom buildings, labs (including science and technology labs), library, performing arts and film facilities, career placement centers/facilities, student services and administration buildings, office/staff/faculty support facilities, building/facility/university center for student support services, including career placement center, career training classrooms and related facilities, veterans support service facilities, public safety training facilities, observatory facilities, food storage, preparation and service facilities, childcare facilities, restrooms, and related college facilities.
- Construct, improve, reconfigure, expand, and/or install sidewalks, parking areas, and related areas.
- Construct/install outdoor learning areas, including shade/rain structures, sitting areas, fencing and landscaping.
- Renovate, replace, upgrade, acquire, install and/or integrate major site/building/utility systems, equipment and related infrastructure and housing, including lighting, electrical (including electrical switchgear and related infrastructure for modern technology), heating, refrigeration, cooling and ventilation, water, sewer, gas, irrigation, drainage, and energy efficiency/management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls.
- Acquire, install, upgrade and/or construct renewable energy and/or energy-saving systems, improvements and equipment, including electricity generation and distribution systems and/or water heating systems, natural light improvements, upgraded insulation and roofing, efficient lighting, windows and window coverings, shade structures, energy management and conservation systems, and other passive technologies, and structures to support such systems, improvements and equipment and related infrastructure.

- Upgrade, expand, acquire and/or install technology equipment, fixtures and infrastructure, including computers, tablets, mobile devices, software, interactive educational technology, digital projectors and cameras, monitors, audio systems, video systems, network equipment (including servers, network interface devices, network switches and routers, wireless network equipment, firewalls, network security equipment, racking, power and cooling equipment, wiring and uninterruptible power supplies), etc.
- Upgrade and/or acquire and install fencing, security lighting, fire detection and suppression, security alarm, video surveillance, emergency, master key and door lock, clock, bell, data, voice and audio-visual communication (including telephone and public address) systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls.
- The inspection and analysis of grounds, buildings, fixtures and structures, including parking lots, restrooms, drinking fountains, to assess health and safety risks to students, faculty, staff, parents and the public and compliance with local, state and federal building, health, safety, access and other related requirements, including seismic safety requirements, requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, and the improvement, correction, repair or renovation of such grounds, buildings, fixtures and structures or portions thereof identified as such health and safety risks or acquire, install and/or construct other improvements to comply with such laws and requirements.

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint as needed.
- Construction and/or installation of access improvements for disabled persons, as required by state and federal law.
- Planning, designing and providing temporary housing necessary for listed bond projects.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property for the listed college facilities projects.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; relocating fire access roads; and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, land or rights of way made necessary by listed bond projects.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including relocatables) for students and college functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.

- For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction/re-construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the Board of Trustees of the District determines that replacement and new construction/re-construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation and repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors.
- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other college facilities; furnishing and equipping shall include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of technology.
- All other costs and work necessary and incidental to the listed bond projects.

EXHIBIT B

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Desert Community College District (the "District") on November 8, 2016, to authorize the sale of up to \$577,860,000 in bonds of the District to finance community college facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to issue the Bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.95 cents per \$100 (\$19.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.

2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.95 cents per \$100 (\$19.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2025-26.

3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.95 cents per \$100 (\$19.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation and is expected to remain approximately the same in each year during the term of repayment of the bonds.

4. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is \$1,075,000,000.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds

and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: 7/20, 2016.



Superintendent/President
Desert Community College District

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Becky Broughton, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Desert Community College District, Counties of Riverside and Imperial, California, hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on July 20, 2016, and entered in the minutes thereof, of which meeting all of the members of the Board of Trustees had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

An agenda of the meeting was posted at least 72 hours beforehand at 43500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, California, a location freely accessible to members of the public, and a brief description of the adopted resolution appeared on the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto. The resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of July, 2016.



Clerk of the Board of Trustees
Desert Community College District

**DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: 7/20/2016

ITEM #: 4

AREA: Administrative Services

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**TITLE: RESOLUTION #072016-2 | RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT ORDERING A BOND ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING
NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BACKGROUND:

State law requires the Board of Trustees to order community college district elections. The Registrar of Voters of Riverside County will bear the primary responsibility of conducting the election on behalf of the District, including publishing all required notices, though the Registrar of Voters of Imperial County will also be involved in conducting the election. This resolution must contain the exact language of the bond proposition in the “specifications of the election order.” Under Proposition 39, which permits passage of the measure upon a 55% “yes” vote, certain additional matters must be addressed in the bond measure, including a specific project list to be funded from the bonds. A 75-word summary of the measure, to appear on the ballots, is included in the resolution.

The resolution also contains a form of “tax rate statement,” which must be included in the voter pamphlet, describing the anticipated rates of tax throughout the life of the bond issue and the estimated total debt service if all of the proposed bonds are issued. The resolution also authorizes, but does not commit, the Board and individual members of the Board to prepare and sponsor a ballot argument in support of the bond measure. No more than 5 persons may sign the ballot argument.

Following adoption, the resolution must be delivered to the Registrar of Voters of each County. The election will be consolidated with the statewide general election to be held on November 8, 2016.

[Details on COD Website](#)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

If the bond is approved, it will be repaid by levying a property tax authorized by the voters. The District will pay all costs of the election approved by the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties pursuant to Education Code Section 5421.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board of Trustees adopts Resolution 072016-2 | Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Desert Community College District Ordering a Bond Election, and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith.

Administrator Initiating Item: Lisa Howell	Cabinet Review & Approval: 7/11/2016 Chair & Vice Chair Review: 7/12/2016
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