

# Community Update



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## Message From the President

The Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District voted on July 16 to place Measure E on the November 2012 ballot.

El Camino College has proudly served the South Bay for 65 years, preparing students for the jobs of today and the future. We are proud to be part of our students' success as they transfer to a university or gain employment in areas including nursing, fire-fighting and other first-responder and healthcare careers.

The Board recognizes that U.C. and State college systems are becoming so expensive, more students are relying on community colleges. Yet, despite an increasing demand for high-quality, affordable college options, community colleges across California are underfunded – this past year, El Camino College experienced \$10 million in cuts from the state budget. More reductions are expected in the future. It is clear that we cannot count on the state to fully fund the needs of El Camino College.

Since El Camino College was established, every effort has been made to offer labs, classrooms and instructional facilities that meet current and future academic needs. As job opportunities in high-tech and “green” technology industries expand, we continue to offer the training and resources needed to be competitive in these professions.

The Board also acknowledged that due to the growing number of returning military personnel, as well as active military, the upgrade of support services facilities is a high priority of the District.

In these challenging economic times, students need quality academics and job training more than ever. In order to provide the exceptional education our students need, we are asking our community for assistance. Please read on to learn more about how you can help shape the future of El Camino College.

Thomas M. Fallo



## Facility and Technology Upgrades to Help Students Transfer

Provide space and training for future nurses and fire-fighters, providing these caregivers the latest in high-tech equipment and green learning facilities:

- Replace the oldest buildings to make them energy efficient, saving the college thousands of dollars annually in energy costs.
- Modernize and replace facilities for career training in well-paying careers that do not require a four-year degree.
- Install additional electrical service capacity to improve computer technology and Internet access.
- Upgrade or replace outdated classrooms, science labs, libraries, and computer systems to keep pace with technology.
- Improve support facilities for veterans and currently active military personnel.
- Upgrade and replace existing information technology infrastructure and network systems to improve efficiency and increase capacity.
- Upgrade and expand telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
- Build academic buildings to expand science, education, health-related careers, nursing, fire-fighting, and technical job training.
- Upgrade and replace technology, computers, hardware and software systems, used for job training and retraining programs.

## Repair and Construction Projects to Provide Greater Access

Facilities will be improved to increase class offerings and reduce the time it requires students to complete their programs:

- Modernize science and computer labs.
- Expand course capacity in science, technology, engineering and math-related fields.
- Construct more classroom space.
- Implement improvements throughout the campus' buildings, classrooms, and other facilities to ensure access for persons with disabilities.
- Enhance nursing and healthcare training facilities for those who plan on caring for our local aging population.
- Enhance facilities dedicated to training fire-fighters.



# om Official Bond Plan placed on the November 2012 ballot by Community College District Board of Trustees on July 16, 2012.

## 21st Century Job Training

These projects will allow El Camino College to continue offering local residents training and education in the health sciences, as well as other job training and workforce programs:

- Upgrade career and vocational classrooms, labs and equipment to provide students with opportunities to learn job skills such as: robotics, machine tool technology, construction technology, and administration of justice.
- Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers, and support facilities.
- Provide and maintain up-to-date technology, data and communications equipment and systems for job-training programs and facilities, and to expand online classes for local students.
- Provide students with the latest in classroom instructional equipment.
- Replace and upgrade outdated electrical systems.
- Repair or replace leaky roofs, worn-out floors, old rusty plumbing, and faulty electrical systems.

**The combined cost of Measure E  
and the 2002 facilities bond would  
be no more than \$25/year per  
\$100,000 assessed – not market –  
property value.**

## Fiscal Accountability Protections of Measure E

Measure E is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements:

- By law, performance and financial audits will be performed annually.
- All bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to ensure that funds are spent as authorized.
- All funds will be subject to local control.
- No funds can be used for administrators' salaries or pensions.
- Sacramento will be prohibited from taking any of the funds.



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# Measure E

## Official El Camino Community College District BOND BALLOT QUESTION

To prepare students for universities/transfer/jobs, including nursing, healthcare, fire-fighting and high-tech jobs, by expanding science labs, upgrading outdated electrical systems, wiring, green energy for savings, building earthquake/fire-safe classrooms equipped with up-to-date technology, improving facilities for Veterans, acquiring, constructing, repairing facilities, sites/equipment, shall El Camino Community College District issue \$350,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring all funds remain local, financial audits, citizen's oversight, and NO money for pensions/administrators' salaries?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds - No

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