



EL CAMINO COLLEGE Community Update

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Message From the President

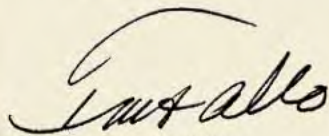
El Camino College has a solid reputation as one of the state's most successful community colleges for providing students with the education and training they need for today's jobs. Founded in 1947, ECC offers a local, affordable college education to nearly 25,000 students each semester, including veterans and active military personnel.

Consistently ranked among California's top 10 community colleges in transfer preparation, ECC also offers outstanding nursing, police, fire-fighting, and other first-responder and healthcare training programs to prepare students for employment in the South Bay.

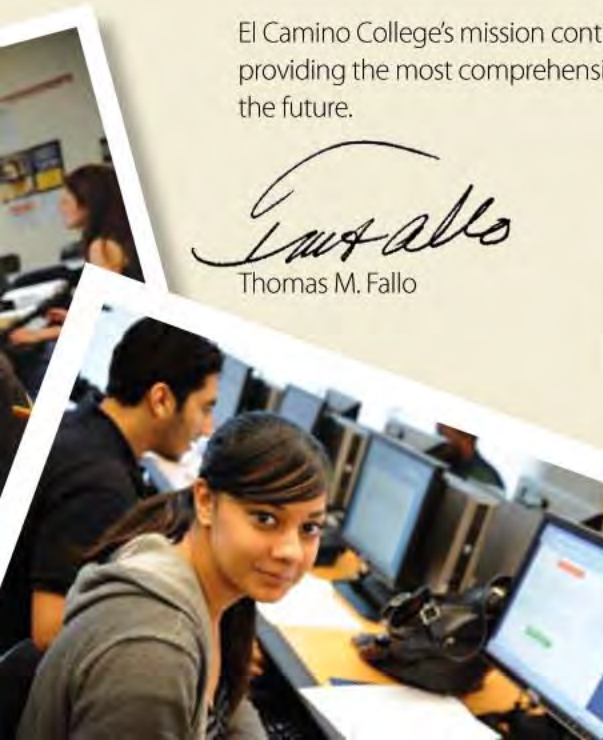
The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees recognizes that access to higher education is important to our community. As tuition costs for the University of California and California State University systems continue to increase, more students are relying on community colleges. Despite the growing demand for an affordable college education, California community colleges are severely underfunded, with more potential reductions anticipated. We cannot rely on the state to fully fund the needs of El Camino College.

Measure E funding will upgrade buildings and classroom technology for 21st century job training and transfer preparation. Bond monies will also fund repairs and improvements for greater access, and efficiency advancements for significant cost and energy savings.

El Camino College's mission continues to be serving students in the South Bay communities by providing the most comprehensive learning opportunities for the workforce needs of today and the future.



Thomas M. Fallo



Read What Your Neighbors A

Q: What is Measure E?

A: Measure E is a local facilities bond measure ensuring that local students continue to have access to high-quality, affordable education and the job training programs they need for the jobs of today and the future.

Q: Why is Measure E important now?

A: Many of El Camino College's classrooms are more than 50 years old; some facilities nearly 65 years old. While these facilities have been carefully maintained, they need replacement and renovations. Math and computer labs, lecture halls, and vocational training facilities need repair and upgrades.

With the cost of the U.C. and Cal State systems becoming increasingly expensive, more students are relying on El Camino College than ever before. Yet, despite this increase in demand, 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.

Q: How will Measure E save El Camino College money?

A: Both new construction and the renovations made to existing facilities promote environmentally responsible, cost-effective, healthier places to work and study.

Currently, the new Central Plant, completed with 2002 Facilities Bond monies, saves the college nearly \$100,000 in energy costs. The overall cost-savings and energy efficiency of the improvements of the 2002 bond projects are projected to save the college \$360,000 each year.

With the completion of Measure E projects, the college will save nearly \$1 million annually in energy costs.

Measure E will help provide funds that cannot be taken away by the state and enable the El Camino Community College District to qualify for state matching funds.



Are Asking About Measure E

Q: What educational needs does Measure E address?

A: Modernizing and replacing outdated academic facilities and technology to help students prepare to transfer to four-year universities and ensure students are prepared for the high-demand jobs of the 21st century.

Enhancing training facilities and programs for nurses and fire-fighters, and providing emergency first-responders with modern, high-tech equipment and learning facilities.

Improving educational resources for students who are veterans or active military so they may receive the support needed to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

Making classrooms and facilities campuswide more energy-efficient.

Q: How is El Camino College providing greater access to a college education for South Bay students?

A: Beginning with summer 2012, El Camino College began offering early registration for in-district high school graduates.

Early registration is available to graduates of high schools within the El Camino Community College District: El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. District residents who are high school graduates through a "home school" program are also eligible for early registration.

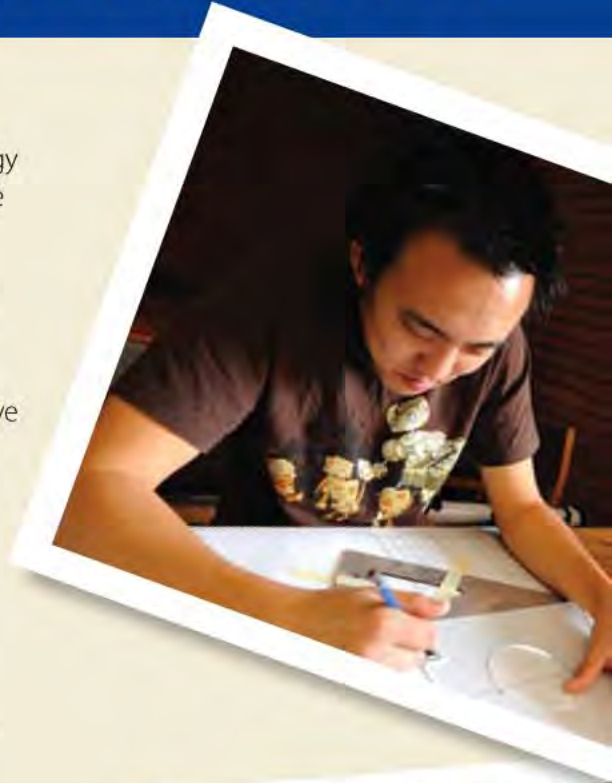
Q: How can I be sure Measure E funds are spent properly?

A: By law, money from any bond can only be spent on buildings, classrooms, or instructional equipment according to the Project List. No money may be spent for college employee salaries or pensions.

The Project List is based on the 2012 El Camino College Facilities Master Plan that provides a long-range forecast for enrollment and the changing needs of students. Positioning the college to maximize state funding opportunities is also an important component of the plan.

The Facilities Master Plan is the culmination of input from constituent groups throughout El Camino College and the community.

Measure E requires published financial audits and monitoring by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure all funds are spent properly.



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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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