



FACT SHEET

The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act

Proposition 1D, on the November 7, 2006, ballot, seeks voter approval for a \$10.4 billion bond measure to relieve overcrowding, accommodate new enrollments, make overdue safety repairs and upgrade California's elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities. Proposition 1D is a general obligation bond that will not raise taxes.

Funding for Higher Education Facilities

If approved by voters, Proposition 1D would provide the three segments of higher education – the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges – with \$3.1 billion. UC's share would be \$690 million plus an additional \$200 million to expand the University's medical schools and enhance its telemedicine programs throughout the state. Proposition 1D would provide about half of the amount necessary to fully fund UC's annual capital outlay needs in the coming years.

The bond measure would fund construction and renovation of UC facilities to address enrollment growth, seismic and life safety needs, and renewal of outdated infrastructure. The capital funds would also allow UC to continue building out its new campus in Merced, which is central to keeping our promise of educational access to the youth of the San Joaquin Valley and throughout California.

Educational programs to improve health care

As the state's population becomes larger and more diverse, increasing numbers of Californians lack access to quality health care. California will have a doctor shortage of almost 16% by the next decade, yet we have not expanded medical education in the state in almost 30 years. The medical-education funding from Prop. 1D will provide facilities and state-of-the-art equipment for increased enrollments in UC's "Programs in Medical Education" (PRIME), which are aimed at improving health care for currently underserved populations and communities in California.

A 10-year plan begun in 2005 to increase UC medical school enrollments by 10%, UC's PRIME will produce an additional 250-300 physician-leaders committed and trained to serve California's underserved communities, including inner-city areas, rural communities, the Inland Empire and the Central Valley.

Proposition 1D will help UC fund capital improvements in several areas:

- **Earthquake and Life Safety**

The bond will help UC make seismic and other safety repairs in aging classroom, lab and office buildings, including hospital facilities. UC has given seismic repairs a high priority in its capital program and is using the latest information from recent earthquakes around the world to make these safety improvements.

- **More Space for Enrollment Growth**

Rapid enrollment growth over the past decade has made it essential to fix old and outdated classrooms, expand facilities and build new classrooms to meet existing student needs at UC campuses – as well as California Community Colleges and CSU campuses. New UC

facilities are needed to accommodate a surge of 64,000 additional students expected over the course of this decade. This is greater than the current enrollments of UC Berkeley and UCLA combined.

- **Create Tomorrow's Qualified Workforce**

It is essential that research and instructional facilities at UC campuses be upgraded as technologies and academic programs evolve. Several Prop. 1D-funded projects would construct major new facilities for programs in engineering, environmental health and safety, and the sciences, fields that UC has targeted for expansion as part of our effort to continue to contribute to the economic and cultural climate of California.

Accountability and Transparency

Prop. 1D includes independent audits and strong accountability safeguards to ensure that these funds are not wasted or mismanaged. This information will be made available to the public so taxpayers can ensure their money is spent properly. Misusing this bond money is a crime, punishable by time in jail.

Create Jobs and Spur Economic Vitality

The best way to grow our economy and create good-paying jobs is to create public schools, colleges and universities that give our students the skills they need to succeed in the workforce. Investments to modernize and upgrade teaching and research facilities are also vital for California to remain economically competitive with other states.

Studies indicate that for every dollar California invests to get students in and through college, the state's economy receives a \$3 net return on that investment.

Supporters and Opponents

Proposition 1D supporters (www.Yeson1D.com) include Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Treasurer Phil Angelides, a bipartisan majority of the Legislature, UC Board of Regents, California State PTA, California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, California Chamber of Commerce, California Taxpayers' Association, League of Women Voters of California, Congress of California Seniors, California State University, California Community Colleges, California School Boards Association and the California Business Roundtable.

The opposition campaign is not yet organized, but signers of the opposing ballot argument include the California Taxpayer Protection Committee and the California Political Review.

For a full text of the ballot arguments, visit the Secretary of State's web site at www.ss.ca.gov.