## Rancho Santiago Community College District Measure G FACT SHEET



**Background:** Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) and its colleges – Santa Ana College (SAC) and Santiago Canyon College (SCC) are a valuable community resource. For over 75 years, RSCCD has been a valuable community resource, providing generations of local residents access to an affordable, high-quality college education, training for higher paying skilled jobs, preparation for transfer to 4-year universities, and educational resources for veterans.

Our primary focus is on Preparing Students for Transfer to 4-year Colleges & Universities (Many students attend RSCCD to complete prerequisites required for transfer to 4-year colleges and universities. We maintain excellent relationships with local businesses and high schools to improve access to college and affordable career pathways); Workforce Training (We provide direct job and career training in high-demand fields like healthcare, emerging sciences, engineering, computer technology, welding and many others. RSCCD offers approximately 262 certificate and degree programs from which to choose); Community Enrichment (RSCCD is an important resource for the community, providing training for students of all ages who need higher-paying or skilled jobs); and Educational Resources for Veterans.

After decades of constant use, our aging college requires attention. Outdated academic and job-training classrooms and labs need upgrading. Students with disabilities deserve better access. Deteriorated roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilating, and electrical system capacity must be repaired or replaced. Energy efficiency, safety, and security systems require continual upgrading. And with ever-advancing technology, RSCCD needs ongoing technology upgrades to keep pace as a 21<sup>st</sup> century quality teaching and learning environment. This is the goal of Measure G on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. Measure G seeks voter authorization to upgrade classrooms, labs and facilities to better prepare local students for jobs, careers and transfer to 4-year colleges and universities. No other funding exists to address these needs.

## **Approval of Measure G will:**

- Renovate vocational classrooms including building trades instructional facilities
- Update classrooms/labs/advanced technology for nursing, first responders, and healthcare professions
- Expand facilities supporting job placement or university transfer for returning veterans
- · Repair deteriorating and leaky roofs.
- Provide clean drinking water at college buildings.
- Update aging computer technology and electrical systems.
- Improve accessibility for disabled students.
- Remove lead paint, and asbestos.
- Improve campus and student safety and security.

Official Measure G Ballot Question: "RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE EDUCATION, CAREER, REPAIR, SAFETY MEASURE. To upgrade classrooms/labs preparing students/veterans for university transfer, jobs including nursing, emergency response, building trades; repair leaky roofs, deteriorating gas, sewer lines; provide clean drinking water; improve safety/security; acquire, construct, repair facilities, sites, equipment; shall Rancho Santiago Community College District's measure authorizing \$720,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, generating \$46,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding be adopted, requiring oversight, public spending disclosure?"

**Strict accountability and taxpayer protections are REQUIRED.** ALL funds stay local, dedicated to Rancho Santiago Community Colleges. Public spending disclosure, annual audits, independent citizens' oversight ensure funds are used as promised.

A "YES vote" would support the bond proposal; a "NO vote" would reject the proposal. All voters living in RSCCD who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote on this measure. Fifty-five percent (55%) voter approval is required for passage.

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