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Dear Mr. Smith, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Bloom:

Attached is Resolution No. 06-05, "A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order," adopted on January 31, 2006, calling for a June 6, 2006 general obligation bond election.

Please note that in Exhibit A (ballot statement), the District considers the bold faced name of the measure part of the 75-word ballot statement requirement which should appear on the ballot. Exhibit B contains the "Full Text" Ballot Proposition, which must be printed in its entirety in the voter pamphlet.

With respect to the ballot measure, we expect that the name of the measure will appear on the ballot.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, the tax rate statement, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe Education Code Section 15122.5 is not applicable, and we request that the Counties not include "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet.

This letter also authorizes you to contact David Casnocha of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth at 415-283-2241. He is the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District's bond counsel and represents the District on this bond election. We would be more than happy to provide you with the resolution electronically in order to facilitate your work or to assist with this process in any other manner.

Sincerely,

José M. Ortiz, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President

Enclosure

cc: County Clerk-Recorders  
David G. Casnocha

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 06-05

RESOLUTION OF THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING  
SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has determined that certain facilities and equipment within the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (the "District"), within Santa Barbara County ("Santa Barbara County"), San Luis Obispo County ("San Luis Obispo County") and Ventura County ("Ventura County") need to be acquired, constructed, improved, and equipped to enable Allan Hancock College to continue to provide affordable, local higher education and to train and retrain local residents for higher-paying and skilled jobs, particularly in medical, health care and public safety services, and to enhance the educational opportunities of the students in the District who desire to transfer to four-year colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the addition of new classrooms, especially for public safety and emergency services training, academic laboratories and instructional equipment; necessary upgrades to computer and technology infrastructure; the installation of fire safety equipment; the improvement of electrical, lighting, ventilation and safety systems in existing classrooms; the need for disabled access improvements; the increase of available parking spaces; and the improvement of campus safety are also among the highest priorities of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in collaboration with staff and the community has prepared the Educational and Facilities Master Plan 2001-06 and its 2007-2011 Five Year Construction Plan, each of which outline the facility needs of Allan Hancock College; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding ongoing efforts by the District to obtain sufficient facility funding from the State of California (the "State"), the State has been unable to provide the District with enough money to adequately maintain and expand Allan Hancock College for all its students; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional funding for such facility, technology, and safety needs by means of a general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State of California on June 3, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which, as of its effective date, reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a community college district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight which are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the restrictions in Proposition 39, as interpreted by the Attorney General of the State of California, which prohibit any bond money to be used for administrator salaries and expenses, be strictly enforced by a Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code of the State of California (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 proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on June 6, 2006, and to request each of the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to request each of the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters to call an election pursuant to Proposition 39 on the question of whether general obligation bonds shall be issued and sold on behalf of the District for purposes set forth below;

NOW THEREFORE, THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests each of the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters to call an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$180,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold to raise money for the purposes described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Exhibit B hereto is directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be June 6, 2006.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the

Act, the ballot proposition in Exhibit "A" is subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other college operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in compliance with Proposition 39, and in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B", evaluated the safety, enrollment, class size and information technology needs of the District;

(c) that the Board will cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond moneys get expended for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board will cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274;

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limit per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution; and

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.* and 15264 *et seq.* and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. That the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, the Ventura County Registrar of Voters, and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on June 6, 2006 within the District.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall stand as the "order of election" to each of the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on June 6, 2006.

Section 8. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to each of the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters and the Ventura County Registrar of Voters no later than February 2, 2006.

Section 9. That the maturity of any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and Bonds issued pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code shall not exceed the maturity limits set forth therein, respectively. The maximum interest rate on any Bond

shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 10. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

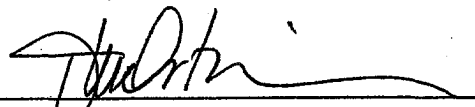
Section 11. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of each of Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County and Ventura County are requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse each of Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County and Ventura County, such services to include the printing of the Full Text Ballot Proposition in the voter pamphlet, the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2006.

ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent/President and  
Secretary to the Allan Hancock Joint Community  
College District Board of Trustees

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
  ) ss  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY )

I, José M. Ortiz, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 06-05, which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District at meeting thereof held on the 31st day of January, 2006, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:                   Anders, Bennett, Grennan, Jones, Lahr

NOES:                   None

ABSENT:               None

ABSTENTIONS:       None

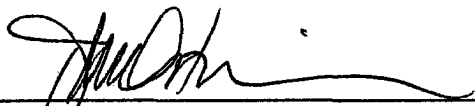
By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent/President and  
Secretary to the Allan Hancock Joint Community  
College District Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

**“Allan Hancock College Improvement Measure:** To improve the quality of programs at Allan Hancock College by:

- Improving academic facilities to help students transfer to four-year colleges,
- Improving job training facilities for police, firefighter, healthcare and other careers,
- Upgrading aging buildings, classrooms and technology,

and by upgrading, acquiring, constructing, equipping buildings, sites and classrooms, shall Allan Hancock Joint Community College District issue \$180,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, appoint a Citizens’ Oversight Committee to monitor expenditures and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B  
FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION  
OF THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 6, 2006

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District.

**Allan Hancock College Improvement Measure:** To improve the quality of programs at Allan Hancock College by:

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  - Improving job training facilities for police, firefighter, healthcare and other careers,
  - Upgrading aging buildings, classrooms and technology,
- and by upgrading, acquiring, constructing, equipping buildings, sites and classrooms, shall Allan Hancock Joint Community College District issue \$180,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor expenditures and no money for administrators' salaries?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds - No

**PROJECTS**

The Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Board of Trustees evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including demands for public safety and health care job training, other career preparation programs, enrollment growth and class size, safety issues, energy cost reduction and information and computer technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Educational and Facilities Master Plan 2001-06 ("Master Plan") and in the 2007-11 Five Year Construction Plan, dated May 5, 2005 as submitted to the Office of the Chancellor, California Community Colleges, each incorporated herein, and as each shall be further amended from time to time. In developing the scope of projects the faculty, staff and students have prioritized the key job training, health and safety needs and enrollment demands so the most critical needs are addressed. The Board conducted independent facilities evaluations and received public input and review in developing the scope of college facility projects to be funded, as listed in the Master Plan. This input of faculty, community and business leaders concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse. **The Master Plan reflects four important determinations:**

- (i) **Statewide budget cuts are damaging Allan Hancock College's ability to provide a high-quality affordable education for local students;**
- (ii) **Allan Hancock College must take every available step to preserve access to affordable, local higher education;**
- (iii) **In tough economic times community colleges, including Allan Hancock College, are critically important to re-train people who want to expand their job skills as well as to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities;**



- (iv) **It would be less expensive to construct, upgrade and repair aging Allan Hancock College buildings and classrooms now, than in the future.**

Both the Master Plan, and the 2007-11 Five Year Construction Plan are on file at the District's Office of the Superintendent/President, and include the following projects:

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- **Repair, Upgrade, and/or Replace Obsolete Classrooms, Science and Computer Labs, Instructional Facilities, Sites and Utilities:**

Repair, upgrade and/or replace deteriorating plumbing, electrical systems, wiring, unsanitary and run down bathrooms, leaky roofs, inadequate doors, heating, ventilation and cooling systems, security systems, science laboratories and other instructional facilities; wire for computers and upgrade classroom technology; increase safety, increase energy efficiency, reduce fire hazards, reduce operating costs so more classes and job training can be offered, improve academic instruction, meet legal requirements for disabled access, and remove hazardous asbestos.

- **Build and/or Expand Classroom Buildings and Facilities to Maintain Affordable, Local Higher Education:**

Increase classroom capacity for academic classes and job training, including nursing, emergency service workers, dental care, teaching, English, math, reading, laboratories, technology and information management and district-wide technology support, academic and career counseling, college transfer, job training/placement and financial aid advisement centers, career skills center for adult education, a high tech center, including technology-based instruction for computer science, math, business and engineering science, lecture/meeting/faculty/seminar rooms, early childhood studies lab, physical education facilities, fields and grounds, library/media technology center, visual and performing arts classrooms and labs, an industrial technology building to support architecture, welding, autobody and automotive technology and new technologies; expand computer access.

- **Job and Public Safety Training Center:**

Increase new classrooms and equipment for police and fire safety programs, including emergency medical technology and hazardous materials handling.

- **Technology Upgrades/Computer Centers:**

Expand technology and computer centers with high-speed Internet access and computer technology, create "smart classrooms" to improve teaching and learning; upgrade software, computer and technology infrastructure and campus-wide technology; provide software training; replace outdated equipment.

- **Expand Classroom Capacity in Lompoc and Solvang:**

Construct a new classroom/lab facility that allows Allan Hancock College to expand its nursing/health sciences education program in Lompoc. In addition, the construction would include a large, multipurpose classroom that would allow the College to offer more classes, accommodate performance-based courses, and support more Allan Hancock College and community performance and cultural events. In Solvang, add new computer lab(s) and support programs for personal computer training and business development, including the tourism industry.

- **Expand Classroom and Campus Capacity:**

Increase classroom capacity for academic classes and job training, including nursing, emergency medical, math, science labs, English, art, reading, visual and performing arts classes and labs; acquire property; develop for additional campus parking.

- **Refinance Existing Lease Obligations related to Classrooms, Facilities, Laboratories and Equipment:**

This refinancing will lower interest rates, save college expenses and increase funds available for instruction.

- **Repair, Replace and Upgrade Aging Electrical and Mechanical Systems to Reduce Energy Consumption and Utility Bills.**

- **Improve Campus Safety:**

Upgrade or add fire alarms, sprinklers, smoke detectors, intercoms and fire doors; install security systems, exterior lighting, emergency lighting, door locks and fences, reconstruct aging parking lots.

Listed building, repair, and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State bond funds and the final costs of each project. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed.

The bond program is designed to provide facilities which will serve current and expected enrollment. In the event of an unexpected slowdown in enrollment of students at Allan Hancock College, or its several outreach centers, certain of the projects described above will be delayed or may not be completed. In such case, bond money will be spent on only the most essential of the projects listed above.

**FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**

**NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES. BY LAW, ALL FUNDS CAN ONLY BE SPENT ON REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

