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Measure C Frequently Asked Questions

What is Measure C?

Measure C is a \$350 million bond measure approved in March 2004 by registered voters living within the Riverside Community College District. Bond funds can be used for the acquisition, design, construction, renovation, and modernization of classroom buildings and other facilities on RCCD campuses or educational sites. Bond funds cannot be used for faculty, staff, or administrator salaries.

Why was Measure C needed?

State funding for community colleges is very low when compared to funding California State University and University of California campuses receive. In addition, this funding is uncertain and can drop from one year to the next. In order to continue to meet student needs, handle enrollment growth on the newer campuses in Moreno Valley and Norco, modernize decades-old classrooms and buildings, and develop new programs and facilities, RCC needs a stable source of local funding. Measure C provides that funding, and allows the College to qualify for more state and federal funds.

Who pays for Measure C?

Property owners living within incorporated and unincorporated areas of the District will see a separate tax on their property tax bills. The estimated tax rate, set by the College's Board of Trustees, is projected not to exceed \$18 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This means that if your undeveloped property, home, or building has an assessed value (this is different from market value) of \$200,000 your annual Measure C tax would be \$36.

How will Measure C bonds be issued?

The RCCD will issue Measure C bonds in several stages over a period of approximately 10-15 years. The size of each bond issuance depends on several factors, including what building projects are needed, what priorities are set by campus-wide strategic planning committees, the Chancellor, and the Board of Trustees, whether projects can be built within a specified period of time, and the availability of state funding.

What is the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee?

State law requires that colleges that pass Proposition 39 bonds establish an independent oversight committee to make sure that bond funds are spent in accordance with projects and programs outlined in the election ballot. The RCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is composed of seven appointment community members, representing the business community, senior citizens, RCC students, taxpayer organizations, and college support organizations, and the community at large.

Who Appoints Members to the Committee?

The publicly elected Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College District appoints members to the Committee. Members serve for one two-year term. While the Board selects members, the Committee is independent and is required by law to act in the best interests of the public and to issue annual reports to the Board and the community.

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