

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL  
SANTA ANA COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE  
RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE Q**

The California Constitution provides that community college districts may issue general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, with the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition. The California Constitution further provides that the bond measure must include a requirement that the bond proceeds will be used only for the permitted purposes and other requirements designed to ensure accountability.

The Board of Trustees of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (the "District") acting as the legislative body of the Santa Ana College Improvement District No. 1 (the "Improvement District") has proposed to voters within the Improvement District that general obligation bonds of the District be issued in the amount of \$198,000,000 and that ad valorem taxes be levied upon taxable property in the Improvement District to repay the bonded indebtedness. The measure provides that proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used to improve, renovate and construct facilities at Santa Ana College by upgrading career training facilities for science, nursing, technology and the trades; repairing, constructing and replacing classrooms, facilities and equipment; upgrading computer systems and technology infrastructure; upgrading facilities for energy efficiencies; improving student safety and security systems; and improving access for students with disabilities.

The measure provides that a citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended. In addition, annual performance and financial audits will be conducted. The measure further provides that bond proceeds will not be used for teacher or administrator salaries or other District operating expenses.

The Board of Trustees of the Rancho Santiago Community College District has called the election for the purpose of submitting the measure to the voters within the Improvement District. If 55% of the voters voting on the measure vote yes, the District may proceed to sell the bonds and levy the related taxes in the Improvement District as estimated in the Tax Rate Statement. A no vote on this measure will disapprove the issuance of the bonds and the levy of the taxes for such bonded indebtedness.

Approval of Measure Q does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Improvement District that are the subject of bonds under Measure Q will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure Q. The District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.