

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE J  
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**"FULLERTON/CYPRESS COLLEGES REPAIR AND STUDENT/VETERAN JOB TRAINING MEASURE.** To upgrade nursing, science, technology, engineering, math/technical job training facilities, repair decaying walls/leaky roofs, update outdated computer technology, fire safety/electrical systems, ensure disabled accessibility, repair, construct, acquire facilities, sites/equipment so local students/returning veterans are prepared for universities/jobs, shall North Orange County Community College District issue \$574,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with audits, oversight and NO money for administrators' salaries, pensions or Sacramento?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds- No

**PROJECTS**

The Board of Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated each of Cypress College's, Fullerton College's and the School of Continuing Education's urgent and critical facility needs, and its capacity to provide students, active military, and **Veterans** with **support** facilities, an **affordable education** and prepare them for success in **college** and careers. **Technical job training** facilities, safety issues, class size and offerings, and information and computer technology were each considered in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as such are outlined in the District's 2011 Comprehensive Master Plan, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety (the "Master Plan"), and available for review on the District's website ([www.nocccd.edu](http://www.nocccd.edu)). In developing the scope of projects, the faculty, staff, students and community have prioritized nursing, science, technology, engineering and math facilities, facilities supporting Veterans, and the expansion of opportunities for an affordable, quality education. In the course of developing the Master Plan public input was received from many constituents. It was concluded that if these facility needs were not addressed now, the District's Colleges would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for jobs in high demand industries and university transfer. The Board concluded that the longer they waited to repair and upgrade the Colleges the more expensive it would be. **In implementing the Master Plan, the Board of Trustees determines that Cypress College, Fullerton College and the School of Continuing Education MUST:**

- (i) **Improve nursing, science, technology, engineering, math and technical job training facilities;**
- (ii) **Train a qualified workforce to keep high paying jobs in our areas and attract more high-tech jobs;**
- (iii) **Prepare local students and returning Veterans for university and jobs;**
- (iv) **Provide local students with an affordable, low-cost, high-quality education;**
- (v) **Improve educational resources and support services for Veterans;**
- (vi) **Adhere to stringent FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY safeguards including:**
  - (a) **Sacramento will be prohibited from taking any of the funds raised,**
  - (b) **All expenditures will be subject to annual independent financial audits,**
  - (c) **No funds will be used for administrators' salaries and pensions,**
  - (d) **ALL FUNDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTROL,**
  - (e) **An independent citizens' oversight committee will be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.**

**CYPRESS COLLEGE**

**Academic Facility and Technology Upgrade Projects to HELP Students and VETERANS  
Transfer to Four-Year Universities or be Trained For High Paying JOBS**

**Goal and Purpose:** Cypress College has a strong relationship with Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base and serves many local military veterans and their families. Many of them have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disabilities. This measure will upgrade and expand veterans services and facilities to ensure that returning service members receive the support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

Further, with our area's employment opportunities expected to improve, this measure will allow Cypress College to provide more courses in emerging fields with added space and updated technology so that local students will develop the skills required to be competitive for high-skill positions at local businesses such as Toyota, Los Alamitos Medical Center and Kaiser.

- **Upgrade facilities for career training in well-paying careers and transfer to universities.**
- **Improve facilities for course opportunities in nursing, science, technology, engineering and math and technical job training facilities.**
- Install additional electrical service capacity to improve computer technology and Internet access.
- Upgrade technical training classrooms, labs and equipment to train qualified workforce to keep high paying jobs in our area and attract more high-tech jobs.
- **Upgrade educational support facilities for Veterans.**
- Upgrade and replace existing information technology, computers, infrastructure and network systems to improve efficiency and increase capacity.
- Upgrade and expand telecommunications, internet and network connections.
- Upgrade academic buildings to expand nursing, health-related careers, and technical job training.

**Basic Repair and Construction Projects to  
Provide Greater Access to an AFFORDABLE EDUCATION**

**Goal and Purpose:** Since the cost of attending a public university has risen to as much as six (6) times that of attending Cypress College, students rely on Cypress to save as much as \$40,000 in tuition on their way to a four-year degree. Therefore, keeping Cypress College's facilities upgraded will increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certificates and job skills at a reasonable price without being saddled with high interest loans for most of their lives.

- Prepare local students and returning Veterans for university and jobs.
- Repair decaying walls, drainage systems, lighting, heating, ventilation systems and leaky roofs.
- **Remove hazardous materials.**
- Implement ADA accessibility improvements throughout the campus' buildings, classrooms, and other facilities to ensure availability to persons with disabilities.
- Install and repair fire safety equipment including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting and fire safety doors.
- Upgrade outdated electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and Internet access.
- Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers and support facilities, many of which were built 50-60 years ago.
- **Upgrade**, update and replace **technology** and hardware systems.
- Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment.

**FULLERTON COLLEGE**

**Academic Facility and Technology Upgrade Projects to HELP Students and VETERANS  
Transfer to Four-Year Universities or be Trained For High Paying JOBS**

**Goal and Purpose:** Fullerton College serves many local military veterans and their families. Many of them have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disabilities. This measure will upgrade and expand veterans services and facilities to ensure that returning service members receive the support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

Further, with our area's employment opportunities expected to improve, this measure will allow Fullerton College to provide more courses in emerging fields with added space and updated technology so that local students will develop the skills required to be competitive for high-skill positions at local businesses such as Alcoa, Disney and Knotts Berry Farm.

- **Upgrade and expand facilities for career training in well-paying careers and transfer to universities.**
- **Improve facilities for course opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math and technical job training facilities.**
- Install additional electrical service capacity to improve computer technology and Internet access.
- Upgrade technical training classrooms, labs and equipment to train qualified workforce to keep high paying jobs in our area and attract more high-tech jobs.
- **Upgrade educational support facilities for Veterans.**
- Upgrade and replace existing information technology, computers, infrastructure and network systems to improve efficiency and increase capacity.
- Upgrade and expand telecommunications, internet and network connections.
- Upgrade academic buildings to expand technical job training.

**Basic Repair and Construction Projects To  
Provide Greater Access to an AFFORDABLE EDUCATION**

**Goal and Purpose:** Since the cost of attending a public university has risen to as much as six (6) times that of attending Fullerton College, students rely on Fullerton to save as much as \$40,000 in tuition on their way to a four-year degree. Therefore, keeping Fullerton College's facilities upgraded will increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certificates and job skills at a reasonable price without being saddled with high interest loans for most of their lives.

- Prepare local students and returning Veterans for university and jobs.
- Repair decaying walls, drainage systems, lighting, heating, ventilation systems and leaky roofs.
- **Remove hazardous materials.**
- Construct more classroom space.
- Implement ADA accessibility improvements throughout the campus' buildings, classrooms, and other facilities to ensure availability to persons with disabilities.
- Install and repair fire safety equipment including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting and fire safety doors.
- Upgrade outdated electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and Internet access.

- Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers and support facilities, many of which were built 50-60 years ago.
- **Upgrade**, update and replace **technology** and hardware systems.
- Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List, payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations; repair and replace worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls doors and drinking fountains; remove outdated buildings and construct new classrooms and support buildings; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current earthquake safety standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replace or relocate hard courts, gyms, athletic facilities, fields, turf and irrigation systems; upgrade classrooms; upgrade existing parking lots/garages; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water and sewer lines and other plumbing systems; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; replace elevators; replace outdated security systems; replace existing window systems with energy efficient systems to reduce costs; replace outdated heating and ventilation systems; improve insulation, weather proofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fire safety doors; inspect for/repair gas pipe leaks, replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks; install new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, wireless systems, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, security, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, virtualized labs, digital white boards, smart classrooms, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, data storage systems, call manager and network security/firewall, and other miscellaneous equipment. At the **School of Continuing Education**, the Project List includes, but is not limited to, classrooms reconfigurations, facilities and technology upgrades, and electrical system upgrades to handle modern technology. In addition, at the Anaheim Campus of the School of Continuing Education, the Project List includes renovation of the Main Tower building renovations, parking lot and site improvements. At Cypress College, the Project List includes, but is not limited to, renovations of the science/math building, improvement of ADA access, renovation of other academic buildings for technology education, fine arts, planetarium, business education, theatre arts and library. At Fullerton College, the Project List includes, but is not limited to, upgrades to facilities for business education, humanities, large lectures or performances, science instruction, student services and administration, as well as the construction of new maintenance buildings, parking structure, instructional buildings, music and drama and science labs.

The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. 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 and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff (not administrators) when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

**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 SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING FACULTY AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES, PENSIONS AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

**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.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE J**

Approval of the measure would authorize the Board of Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District ("District") to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$574,000,000.

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 of the district, voting at an election for that purpose.

Funds received from the sale of the bonds shall be expended only on the specific projects listed in the measure, including upgrading nursing, science, technology, engineering, math and technical job training facilities; repairing and replacing walls, doors, windows and roofs; improving disability access; repairing and replacing electrical, gas, heating, lighting, ventilation, drainage, sewer, and plumbing systems; upgrading and replacing information technology, computers, infrastructure and network systems; upgrading telecommunications, internet and network connections; renovating, repairing or replacing laboratories, classrooms, instructional equipment, training centers and support facilities; removing hazardous materials; installing and repairing fire safety equipment and security systems; renovating student and staff restrooms; upgrading facilities for energy efficiencies and water conservation; constructing new instructional and support buildings; replacing elevators; and upgrading, resurfacing, replacing or relocating courts, gyms, athletic facilities, parking lots, garages, fields, turf and irrigation systems.

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 faculty or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.

Approval of this measure will also authorize the District to levy an ad valorem tax on the assessed value of real property within the District by an amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds in each year that the bonds are outstanding. The Tax Rate Statement for the measure in this sample ballot pamphlet reflects the District's best estimates, based upon currently available data and projections, of the property tax rates required to service the bonds.

If 55% of the voters of the school district voting on the measure vote yes, the District will be authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$574,000,000. A no vote on this measure will disapprove the issuance of the bonds and the levy of the taxes for such bonded indebtedness.

The measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the District.

Approval of Measure J does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the school district that are the subject of bonds under Measure J will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure J. The school 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.

**TAX RATE STATEMENT  
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE J**

An election will be held in the North Orange County Community College District (the "District") on November 4, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of issuing up to \$574,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Bonds. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience with the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, and assuming the entire debt service will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is 1.490 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$14.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) for fiscal year 2015-16.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is 1.490 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$14.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) for fiscal year 2030-31.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the years in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement is again 1.490 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$14.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation), which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.

Attention to all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual timing of bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District, the state of the bond market, and other factors. The actual interest rates on any bonds sold will depend upon market conditions and other factors at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and equalization process. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated as stated above.

s/ Dr. Ned Doffoney  
Chancellor, North Orange County Community College District

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

Can't believe how much four-year universities cost these days? Concerned it's impossible to get a job in our sluggish economy? **Vote YES on J for quality college education and job training at Fullerton College and Cypress College – at a cost students, families and veterans can actually afford!**

The fact is, with the cost of four-year universities skyrocketing, strong affordable community colleges – like Fullerton and Cypress Colleges – are more important than ever. They can save students \$40,000 on their way to a four-year degree. And provide the hands-on career training and workforce preparation students need to have any chance of succeeding in a very competitive job market.

- **Yes on J** increases opportunities for local students and veterans to earn college credits, certifications, and job skills at a reasonable price.
- **YES on J** improves training/education in nursing, science, technology, engineering and math to meet the needs of local employers; keep high-paying jobs in our area; and attract more high-tech jobs.

**YES on J continues our community's strong tradition of patriotism and supporting our returning veterans.** It's shameful how the Federal Government is treating our veterans. Many have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disabilities.

- **YES on J** upgrades and expands Fullerton and Cypress Colleges' veteran services and facilities.
- **YES on J** improves access for disabled students.
- **YES on J** expands job-placement facilities to train veterans to re-enter the civilian workforce.

By law, Measure J requires annual audits and an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure every dime is spent as promised. **NO** money can go to administrators' salaries or pensions or be taken by Sacramento!

Join veterans, local employers, nurses, students, professors, and community leaders in voting **YES on J**. Join us: [www.SupportOurColleges.com](http://www.SupportOurColleges.com).

s/ Art Alfaro  
Fullerton College Veteran's Club President

s/ Steve Shanahan  
Local employer

s/ Leah Reed  
Emergency Room Nurse, West Anaheim Medical Center

s/ Richard Fee  
Cypress College Professor, Chair Science Dept.

s/ Stephen Tith  
Fullerton College Student Trustee

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

In 2002, we approved Measure X, a \$239,000,000 bond for the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD), which promised multimillion dollar improvements to the child development centers at Cypress and Fullerton Colleges. The Cypress center closed in 2003 and significant cutbacks were proposed for the Fullerton center in 2005:

"Neither center got Measure X money for anything. Neither project remains on the drawing board." — *Los Angeles Times*, 6/8/2005

NOCCCD pulled a bait and switch on Measure X's child development centers, so **what will stop NOCCCD from pulling a bait and switch on Measure J's veterans centers?**

NOCCCD claims the purpose of this tax is upgrading veterans centers. NOCCCD mailers proclaim, "Our Veterans Deserve Better" and "It's shameful how the Federal Government Veterans Affairs Department is treating our veterans."

We agree that VA treatment is shameful. What else is also shameful? Taxpayer funded agencies using veterans to ram through **half a billion dollars in new spending not related to veterans.**

- It doesn't cost \$574,000,000 to upgrade two college veterans centers. Upgrades to Fullerton and Cypress Veterans Centers could be done for 1% of the proposed bond. Where will the other 99% of that money go?
- The consultants pushing NOCCCD's bond actually ran polls that found that veterans were the most popular group to persuade voters to support this half-billion dollar bond.

Tell NOCCCD that **it's offensive to use veterans to try to push a half-billion tax hike!**

**Vote "No" on Measure J — the half-billion dollar tax hike!**

s/ Jack Dean  
President, Fullerton Association of Concerned Taxpayers (FACT)

s/ Craig Green  
Placentia City Treasurer

s/ Connie Lanzisera  
School Accountant and Brea Taxpayer/Resident

s/ Lt. Col. Ron Culler, USAF (Ret.)  
Vietnam War Veteran

s/ Nadia White  
Registered Nurse and Yorba Linda Taxpayer/Resident

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

Measure J proposes a \$574,000,000 bond. A bond is like the government taking out a loan from Wall Street investors, and your taxes are raised to pay off that loan. Measure J asks taxpayers to pay off a \$574,000,000 loan – with interest.

### **Measure J is a tax hike of more than half a billion dollars!**

Before Proposition 39, community college districts needed 2/3 voter approval to pass bonds. Even though North Orange County voters rejected Proposition 39 in 2000, 53% of Californians approved allowing community college districts to lower the bond threshold to 55%.

However, the lower 55% threshold is an option – not a requirement. The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) could have honored the 2/3 vote threshold for bonds.

NOCCCD took advantage of this new lower threshold in the very first election they could use it – even though they weren't required to use it: in 2002, a \$239,000,000 NOCCCD bond was approved at the lower threshold.

**Measure J takes advantage of the lower threshold rejected by North Orange County voters** and is more than double the size of the 2002 bond! We're still paying for the 2002 bond, and now they want us to approve a bigger one?

Measure J raises your property tax. What does that mean for you?

- **Homeowners will pay more taxes**
- **Renters will see higher rent** as landlords pass on the costs of higher taxes
- **Struggling family businesses will pay higher rent** as landlords pass on the costs of higher taxes
- **Customers will see higher prices** as businesses pass on the costs of higher taxes

Aren't we taxed enough already?

Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, Garden Grove, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Placentia, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Stanton, and Yorba Linda can't afford another tax increase.

### **Vote "No" on Measure J, the half-billion dollar tax hike!**

s/ Wayne Lindholm  
President, Lincoln Club of Orange County

s/ Jack Dean  
President, Fullerton Association of Concerned Taxpayers (FACT)

s/ Bruce W. Whitaker  
City Council Member

s/ Peggy Huang  
State Prosecutor

s/ Ed Sachs  
Member, Community Common Sense

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

For all the opponents' rhetoric, their argument about Proposition 39 boils down to the fact that Measure J follows the law.

When voters approved changes for school and community college ballot measures, they demanded more rigorous fiscal oversight. **YES on J** fulfills this voter mandate – with independent Citizens' Oversight (including Taxpayer/Business/Senior representatives); annual audits; and NO funds for administrator salaries/pensions.

What opponents don't address is that **YES on J invests in the futures of local community college students** at Fullerton and Cypress Colleges – preparing them for university and 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs.

Consider the facts:

**FACT:** The current economy is sluggish – it's difficult to get a job.

- **YES on J** provides local students hands-on career training to succeed in today's tough job market.

**FACT:** Attending California public universities costs six times more than community colleges.

- **YES on J** provides students a quality college education at the lowest tuition in the country.

**FACT:** Many Fullerton and Cypress College classrooms/buildings were built 50-80 years ago. Students learn science and technical job training with completely outdated labs and technology.

- **YES on J** repairs/updates classrooms, labs and job training facilities, keeping local students competitive.

**FACT:** Many veterans have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress and permanent disabilities.

- **YES on J** upgrades and expands veteran services and facilities so they can complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

That's why local businesses, homeowners, renters, and community leaders support **YES ON J!**

s/ Andrew Carroll  
Chair, Citizen's Oversight Committee  
and local business owner

s/ Juan Garcia  
US Marine Vet, Cypress College Alum, 2014 USC Grad

s/ Jodi Balma  
Political Science Professor, Fullerton College

s/ Theresa Harvey  
President, Fullerton Chamber of Commerce