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## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 13: PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, K-12, AND COLLEGE HEALTH AND SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2020

## RESOLUTION NO. 34-19/20

WHEREAS, the California Community College system is the largest postsecondary system of education in the world, enrolling approximately 2.1 million students each year; and

WHEREAS, California's 115 community colleges and 73 districts are located in nearly every community in the state, serving more than 70% of California's public postsecondary undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to offer academic and vocational instruction, by granting certificates, associate degrees, select Baccalaureate degrees, and providing transfer opportunities to four-year institutions; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Chancellor's Office estimates unmet community college facilities needs of approximately \$29 billion;

WHEREAS, Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 provides two billion dollars to community colleges for constructing new classrooms to accommodate growth, repairing health and safety issues, renovating facilities and equipping learning spaces with essential technology; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Proposition has no relation to the existing Proposition 13 that was passed by the voters in 1978 that decreased property taxes by assessing values at their 1976 value and restricted annual increases of assessed value of real property to an inflation factor, not to exceed 2 percent per year; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District has identified significant facility needs at each of its colleges, the cost of which may be partially funded by state funds; and

WHEREAS, this Proposition has no relation to the proposed California Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative that has qualified on the November 3, 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, 17,000 middle class jobs, including the majority focused on building trades, are created for each one billion dollars in school facility infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, quality community college facilities enhance the education and training of a skilled 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce, in furtherance of the state's academic and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will not raise state taxes and will allow local districts to leverage state funds for college facilities; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District supports Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond of 2020.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 18th day of February 2020, at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.

President of Board of Trustees

Riverside Community College District