



2022

PROPOSITIONS S AND N ANNUAL REPORT SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



Bond Refinancing Saves Taxpayers Combined \$308.6 Million

Since the passage of Proposition S (2002) & N (2006), the San Diego Community College District has refinanced the original bonds five times, resulting in \$308.6 million in savings to City of San Diego taxpayers.

The move to refund — or refinance — the outstanding bonds came after the nation's benchmark bond-rating agencies again awarded the District their highest rating possible. S&P Global assigned a rating of AAA to SDCCD's bonds; Moody's Investors Service also assigned its Aaa rating. In the "triple A" rating, both agencies lauded the SDCCD's financial management practices and policies, reserves, and low debt burden, in addition to the strength of the regional economy.

The SDCCD is among the few California community college districts awarded the highest possible bond ratings from these agencies.



Allied Health, Mesa College

Message from the Chair

The Citizens' Oversight Committee for the San Diego Community College District is pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report, detailing the progress of the District's \$1.555-billion construction bond program, now marking its 20th anniversary.

The program comprises Proposition S, a \$685-million bond passed in 2002, and Proposition N, an \$870-million bond passed in 2006. Together, they have spurred the development of new state-of-the-art instructional and career training facilities, significant modernizations, parking, public safety and accessibility upgrades, and extensive infrastructure work at San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges, and seven Continuing Education campuses.

As a voter and a taxpayer, you made possible 20 years of investment in the people of San Diego, including both students and employees. You also have provided a sizeable investment into the local

*Chair
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A 20-YEAR INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE

At the conclusion of the bond program, San Diego Community College District campuses will have been enriched by the construction of 36 new academic and career training facilities, 20 major renovations, extensive parking, public safety enhancements and accessibility, as well as infrastructure upgrades – all of which have enhanced the lives of the students and faculty who use them.

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San Diego Taxpayers Association Awards High Marks

The SDCCD has consistently earned high scores from the San Diego County Taxpayers' Association, which looks at the availability, accessibility, and transparency of public information on bond programs. Earning three perfect scores over five years, the Propositions S and N bond program was named a finalist in the Taxpayers

Association's Regional Golden Watchdog Award in 2018 for excellence and prudence in the use of public funds and earned near-perfect scores on report and audit information. Two years ago, the SDCTA asked districts to adopt its audit standards. While adoption of these standards will be considered for any future bond, they currently conflict with SDCCD's independent audit cycle, making adoption impractical so near the end of this bond program.

People

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Take for example Sarah McKee, a San Diego College of Continuing Education alumni who recently started a job as a welder at Chromally after completing multiple welding certificates at the school's Educational Cultural Complex. Here, McKee was able to utilize the custom welding tools and work stations at the Skills Center — funded by Proposition S and completed in 2009 — to land her first welding job while still in the program.

"I really did appreciate how much they instilled in us the idea that they send people off with welding skills, but the people who get and keep jobs are also the ones with good workplace skills," she said of the program.

The benefits of the projects funded by the bond construction program continue to make great impacts and are immediately seen

when stepping foot on SDCCD campuses.

"Propositions S and N have allowed us to create myriad of beautiful, engaging spaces that inspire brilliance and create a sense of belonging for our students and campus community," said San Diego Mesa College President Ashanti Hands. "Minds are being cultivated and lives forever changed in these purpose-filled spaces that honor the hopes and dreams of our students."

Along with state-of-the-art educational facilities, the Propositions S and N bond program funded joint-use projects such as the community Hourglass Park Field House — also funded by Proposition S and completed in 2009 — at San Diego Miramar College.

It was here that basketball player Cameron Barry, a 4.0 student, honed his skills that led him to become the 2022 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Athlete of the Year.

"He is a phenomenal human being," said

men's head basketball coach and athletic director Nick Gehler of Barry, who during his final semester was taking 12 units at Miramar College, as well as 18 units simultaneously at San Diego State University. "It was amazing to see him work so hard for us, both on the court and in the classroom."

And, at San Diego City College, creativity abounds in the Arts and Humanities building — funded by Proposition N and completed in 2014 — where students and faculty now have access to modern studios and labs, gallery-quality exhibition spaces, and thoughtfully designed classrooms that promote creative and technological innovation, supporting students ready to begin fine art careers or transfer to a four-year university.

"The gallery is a central place where the City College community engages in contemporary ideas and perspectives through social and artistic dialogue," said Professor of fine art Terri Hughes-Oelrich.

Math and Science Complex, Mesa College



Arts & Humanities, City College



Cesar Chavez Campus, College of Continuing Education



Science & Technology, Miramar College



ECC Skills Center, College of Continuing Education

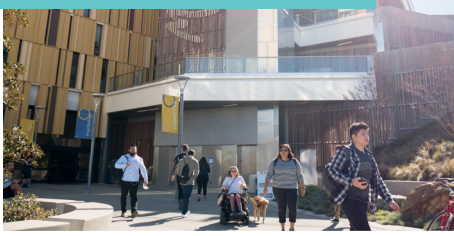
Fire Technology & EMT, Miramar College



West City Campus, College of Continuing Education



Student Services, Mesa College



Student Services, Miramar College



Bond Program and Projects Win Multiple Awards

Over the course of the 20-year bond program, the San Diego Community College District has received numerous awards for program management, design and construction excellence, and green facilities. Organizations bestowing honors include the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the San Diego Gas & Electric Energy Showcase, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, and the San Diego Chapter of the Associated General Contractors among many others.

The District has also earned multiple awards from the American Society for Civil Engineers, the Construction Management Association of America, the American Public Works Association, and the American Institute of Architecture.

In addition, the District is on track to obtain nearly 40 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications from the United States Green Building Council. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification, providing third-party verification that a building was designed and built using strategies and techniques aimed at saving water and energy, reducing CO² emissions, enhancing indoor environmental quality, and improving stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

A full listing of awards is available online at props-n.sdccd.edu/about/pages/awards.aspx.



Mathematics & Social Science, City College

Career Technology Center, City College



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The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) includes San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College, and San Diego College of Continuing Education. The SDCCD is governed by its Board of Trustees. No oral or written representation is binding on the SDCCD without the express approval of the Board of Trustees.

The COC finds the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b) (3) of the California Constitution, based on the review of the annual financial and performance audit report and information received at COC meetings and subcommittee meetings. All financial reports and meeting documents are online at props-n.sdccd.edu along with a summary of COC oversight activities, and our annual meeting calendar.

Report prepared by the COC Communications Subcommittee; the SDCCD Communications and Public Relations Office; and Ursula Kroemer Leimbach, Leimbach Communications Group.

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workforce, supporting the roughly 15,000 trades and craftspeople who devoted their talents to creating excellent educational facilities. And, in doing so, you helped them earn wages that set strong compensation rates across industries and occupations, benefitting workers and taxpayers alike.

You funded vital facilities — impactful projects that support diverse academic degree and transfer opportunities, adult enrichment coursework, and extensive workforce development programs. A recent study indicated that the career education programs within SDCCD have an economic impact of about \$1.6 billion. It found that taxpayers will see a return of \$4.23 for every dollar invested into the District's career education programs.

The bond program is nearing its terminus with the final infrastructure projects on track for completion in spring of 2023.

Yet again, SDCCD has earned top bond ratings and clean audits, demonstrating and certifying that all bond projects and expenditures are authorized and properly accounted for.

This C.O.C. believes that the SDCCD program has been effectively managed and that the District completed all the approved projects — and then some. Transparency and accountability to our public remain top priorities. All materials are posted on the Propositions S and N website at props-n.sdccd.edu.

As always, your participation at our remaining meetings is welcomed and encouraged.

Bob Kiesling
Chair

Career education at SDCCD

Career education programs throughout the SDCCD, many of which are housed in Propositions S and N-supported buildings, help students train for well-paying, high-demand careers throughout the region.

ACCOUNTING
(Accountants and auditors)
\$79,257
Median salary
1,329
Average annual openings

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
(Radiologic technologists and technicians)
\$90,000
Median salary
159
Average annual openings

WEB DEVELOPMENT
(Web developers)
\$70,020
Median salary
211
Average annual openings

WELDING
(Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers)
\$49,525
Median salary
424
Average annual openings

Information about median salary and average annual openings is based on data collected for San Diego County by the Centers of Excellence for Labor Market Research.

STATUS OF PROPOSITIONS S AND N PROJECTS IN 2022

PROPOSITIONS AND PROJECTS	PROJECT BUDGET	CUMULATIVE EXP*	STATUS
MESA COLLEGE			
N Wayfinding and Signage	\$1.5 million		Bid/Award
N Gymnasium Bleachers	\$325,000		Bid/Award
N Infrastructure	\$21.6 million	\$31 million	Ongoing
MIRAMAR COLLEGE			
N Infrastructure Phase Two	\$42.8 million	\$38.6 million	Close-out
DISTRICT			
N District-Level Infrastructure		\$115,500	Ongoing

* Cumulative Expenditures through 12.02.2022

For greater financial detail of the 80+ individual project line items, please view the Project Summary Table at <http://props-n.sdccd.edu/About/Related%20Resources/Rainbow%20Report.pdf>. Other financial reports are available on the bond program website at <http://props-n.sdccd.edu/>. As part of standard project close-out, projects may continue to incur expenditures past the completion of construction. This may include changes made as part of overall campus facility master plans or enhancements.