



# Proposition V: A quick look

## Facilities bond measure for the Nov. 6, 2012 election

### Q & A on Prop. V

#### What you should know about Proposition V

**M**any of Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges' classrooms, roads, labs and infrastructure need extensive repair, renovation and upgrading.

That's why a \$398 million bond measure, Proposition V, has been placed on the Nov. 6, 2012 ballot.

The measure will be decided by about 230,000 voters residing in the East County cities and communities located within the college district, which stretches from the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Santee to the Imperial County and Mexican borders.

GCCCD has served more than 600,000 students as the only public provider of higher education in the East County since 1961.

**Classrooms and labs must be retrofitted for the digital age.**

Classrooms and labs built decades before the digital age need to be retrofitted and significant infrastructure upgrades, including wiring and cabling, are necessary to accommodate computers, audio-visual equipment and other "smart classroom" components.

#### Taxpayer Safeguards

- *By law, no funds from Prop. V will be spent for administrators' salaries.*
- *A citizens oversight committee will ensure funds are spent as promised.*
- *Annual independent financial and performance audits.*

Although the college district budgets operating funds for maintenance and repair, the volume of pressing needs, such as aging roadways and leaking roofs, far exceed the district's funding capability.

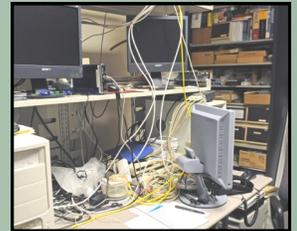
Without passage of Prop. V, facilities at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges will continue to deteriorate. The quality of instruction will suffer without advanced technology and inadequate classrooms and labs.



The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District is seeking voter approval of Proposition V, a \$398 million bond measure on the November ballot. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions.

#### 1. Why does the college district need a bond measure?

- Grossmont College has 14 original buildings dating back to 1961 and Cuyamaca College opened its doors in 1978. Both campuses have facilities that need repair or replacement because they are inadequate to serve today's students.
- The district is seeking upgrades in its technology infrastructure to keep up with ever-changing digital needs.
- Improvements in sustainability will provide energy-saving measures as a way to reduce operational costs.



#### 2. What is the amount of the bond and what will it cost property owners?

- The \$398 million bond translates to \$16.94 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The assessed valuation refers to taxable value, not the market value of your home. The typical property owner will pay about \$40 annually for the bond measure.

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#### KEY PROJECTS

- Rehabilitate deteriorated roofs, electrical, plumbing and ventilation
- Create a Veterans Support Center on each campus
- Modernize college technology
- Improve safety/security, and access for the disabled
- Increase energy efficiency and reinvest savings into instruction
- Create an East County Workforce Solutions Training Center
- Renovate/expand educational and career training facilities for science, medical, public safety, green technology and other fields

## Identifying the Needs

The bond measure is the result of a comprehensive needs assessment and planning process. A master plan identifying more than \$600 million in facility needs grew out of that planning process.

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#### 3. Who is eligible to vote on Prop. V?

- All of the nearly 230,000 registered voters within the East County boundaries of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College



District will be eligible to cast ballots for Proposition V. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 22. The more than 1,100-square-mile district stretches east to the Imperial County line and includes voters in these areas:

<b>Cities:</b>	Boulevard	Jamul
	El Cajon	Campo
	La Mesa	Casa de Oro
	Lemon Grove	Crest
	Santee	Dehesa
		Descanso
<b>Communities:</b>	Dulzura	Mount Laguna
	Alpine	Harbison Canyon
	Bostonia	Jacumba
		Potrero

#### 4. Some other districts have had huge repayment costs with 40-year capital appreciation bonds. Is Grossmont-Cuyamaca using that kind of bond?

- No. For Proposition R, Grossmont-Cuyamaca followed industry standards and obtained bonds with reasonable repayment rates. We obtained competitive interest rates for repayment of the bonds.
- The district does not intend to use long-term bonds for Proposition V construction. On Aug. 21, the district's Governing Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the San Diego County Taxpayers Association policy opposing the use of capital appreciation bonds with maturities greater than 25 years.

#### 5. How does Proposition V differ from the Proposition R bond measure that was approved by East County voters in 2002?

- Money from Proposition R, a \$207 million bond measure, along with more than \$68 million in state matching funds, was used to construct or renovate 13 major projects on the Grossmont and Cuyamaca college campuses. Work has been completed on all of the projects that were promised in the bond measure. The Prop R projects are just the first phase in the facilities that the district needs.

## Ballot language for Prop. V

EAST COUNTY, GROSSMONT COLLEGE AND CUYAMACA COLLEGE STUDENTS, ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFORDABLE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING MEASURE.

“To prepare local students/veterans for college/career success, shall Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District upgrade career training facilities for science, medical, public safety, in-demand fields, create a Veterans Support Center on each campus, modernize technology in

classrooms, libraries, science labs, improve disabled persons access, upgrade, construct, acquire classrooms, facilities, sites/equipment, by issuing \$398,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for pensions/administrators, and all money staying local, benefiting East County community colleges?”



*Prop. V needs at least 55% voter approval to pass.*

For more details on Proposition V, contact the District Communications Office at (619) 644-7842 or go to [www.gcccd.edu](http://www.gcccd.edu) and click on “About Us.”

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