A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 55

Whereas, Proposition 55, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004, provides $12.3 billion in bonds to repair and upgrade California's elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities and to build new schools to relieve overcrowding and reduce class sizes; and

Whereas, rapid enrollment growth over the past decade has made it essential to fix old and outdated classrooms in need of repair, expand facilities and build new classrooms to meet existing student needs at California Community Colleges, the California State University, and University of California systems; and

Whereas, California university and colleges are severely overcrowded, with more than 700,000 new students expected to seek enrollment at a California college or university by 2010; and

Whereas, the California Postsecondary Education Commission estimates the state will need to spend approximately $1.5 billion per year through 2010 to maintain existing higher education facilities and to provide for expected enrollment increases; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 will allow our public colleges and universities to make seismic and other safety improvements to older buildings as well as build new labs, classrooms, research facilities and necessary hospital teaching facilities; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 will give students more access to technology including laboratory equipment and computers they need to match academic programs in other states, and to compete in the modern workforce; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 will provide Santa Barbara City College with $1,400,000 for preliminary and working drawings for a three-story, state-of-the-art High Tech Center to house School of Media Arts departments; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 is a direct investment in the local economy, which will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and add billions in local economic activities throughout California; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 contains strict accountability provisions, including independent annual audits, cost controls and other requirements that guard against waste and mismanagement, and Proposition 55 funds can only be spent on school repair and construction.
Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District supports Proposition 55, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004.

Dated this 12th day of February 2004.

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Mr. John Romo, Superintendent/President
RESOLUTION ON PROPOSITION 57
The Economic Recovery Bond Act

Whereas, the Economic Recovery Act on the March 2004 state ballot is a one-time bond of up to fifteen billion dollars to retire the deficit; and

Whereas, state spending has exceeded revenues for three years, creating a deficit which has undermined stable, predictable and adequate funding to community colleges, and

Whereas, this bond measure would consolidate the deficit and allow California to restore fiscal stability without raising taxes, and

Whereas, Proposition 57 will keep the state from running out of money and prevent drastic cuts in education, health care, local government and public safety, and

Whereas, this bond measure will not take effect unless voters approve the California Balanced Budget Act, which prohibits borrowing to pay deficits ever again and requires enactment of a balanced budget, and

Whereas, without this bond, the State of California may be out of cash by June, thus placing extreme hardship upon community colleges as well as all other publicly-funded agencies.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Santa Barbara Community College District supports the Economic Recovery Bond Act and encourages voters to become aware of the implications of its passage upon Santa Barbara Community College District.

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RESOLUTION ON PROPOSITION 58
The California Balanced Budget Act

Whereas, the Balanced Budget Act requires the enactment of a balanced budget, addresses fiscal emergencies, and establishes a budget reserve, and

Whereas, the state constitution would be amended to provide for the enactment of a balanced state budget, and require state budget reserves, and place limits on future borrowing to finance state budget deficits, and

Whereas, the Balanced Budget Act would require the governor and legislature to enact a balanced budget, and require the legislature to stop other action to address a budget emergency, and

Whereas, the proposed act would require that spending not exceed income each fiscal year, and requires that at least an $8 billion reserve be established, and

Whereas, the proposed act would prohibit borrowing in the future to pay off deficits, and

Whereas, balanced budget and debt limitation provisions could result in more immediate actions to correct budgetary shortfalls, and

Whereas, the provisions above would become operative only if the voters approve this measure as well as Proposition 57, and

Whereas, if this measure fails, the result will be massive reductions in funding to the California community college system.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Santa Barbara Community College District supports the California Balanced Budget Act and encourages voters to become aware of the implications of its passage upon Santa Barbara Community College District.

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