



San Diego Community College District  
**Building Better Futures**

# The Future of the SDCCD



- Over the past 20 years, there have been major changes in how students are educated.
- There is need for **new technology and hands-on training spaces** that are relevant to today's job market and the careers of tomorrow.
- The SDCCD must continue to provide **cutting-edge academic and career training** facilities and technologies to be responsive to continuously changing industry needs.

# The SDCCD – Current Needs



- The SDCCD has not had a bond measure on the ballot **for almost 20 years**.
- While some infrastructure investments have been made, District facilities have **continued to age**, and there is a growing need for new facilities to house advanced job training and educational programs.
- San Diego's community colleges **urgently need** to upgrade and repair outdated education facilities and infrastructure.

# The Proposed SDCCCD 2024 Bond



A 2024 Bond measure would provide **new state-of-the-art facilities and technology** upgrades to better prepare students for successful careers that would support their families and contribute to our **region's economic growth.**



# A proposed 2024 Bond would focus on the most needed facilities.



- Upgrade job training facilities for high-wage jobs in construction, electrical manufacturing, auto technology and computer technology.
- Upgrade classrooms and labs to train nurses and other health care workers.
- Upgrade instructional technology for Science, Engineering, Arts & Math programs.
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for firefighter/paramedic and other first responder programs.



# A proposed 2024 Bond would focus on the most needed facilities. (Continued)



- Repair outdated, deteriorating classrooms, labs, and college buildings.
- Create facilities for training for veterans and active-duty military.
- Increase the use of solar/renewable energy to reduce energy costs and benefit the environment.
- Create new affordable student housing to help address San Diego's housing shortage.
- Create new childcare facilities for student families.



# The SDCCD: Identified Priorities



Each of San Diego Community College District's four colleges – City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education – has developed a comprehensive facility plan identifying **priority projects** that could be funded by a proposed 2024 bond measure.



# San Diego City College



- **New Campus Commons:** A modern hub with dining, gathering venues, study rooms, and communal spaces, replacing the outdated "D" Building, which is now 60 years old.
- **State-of-the-Art Performance Center:** A cutting-edge facility for lectures, performances, and events, supporting stagecraft, multimedia, and performing arts programs, replacing 50-year-old Saville Theater.
- **Upgraded Exercise Science Facilities:** Enhanced with better air quality, temperature control, asbestos removal, and technological improvements.





# San Diego City College



- **Modernized Utilities and Central Plant:** Up-to-date energy-efficient technologies to reduce costs and ensure reliability.
- **Affordable Student Residential Village:** Housing for approximately 800 students with amenities like laundry, kitchen, living spaces, and recreation areas, plus safe pedestrian pathways to the main campus.
- **New Agriculture Program Facility:** Equipped with classrooms, labs, greenhouses, and field research areas, supporting sustainable practices and providing fresh produce to underserved communities.



# San Diego Mesa College



- **New Kinesiology and Health Facilities:**

Replacing outdated 1960s buildings with modern exercise science and athletic spaces.

- **New Aquatics Center:** Supporting lifeguard training and water safety programs, replacing an obsolete 50-year-old facility.

- **Modernized Utilities and Central Plant:** Up-to-date energy-efficient technologies to reduce costs and ensure reliable performance.



# San Diego Mesa College



- **State-of-the-Art Theatre:** Replacing the 1962 Apolliad Theatre with advanced sound, lighting, and stage technologies, including performance spaces and a large event lecture hall.
- **Early Education Center:** Providing childcare, early education services, and practicum training for students pursuing Childcare Professional certificates, replacing an outdated 1960s Child Development Center.
- **Community Health Center:** Offering preventive services, mental health support, dental care, and primary care for students, faculty, staff, and the community while providing educational opportunities for students pursuing Allied Health careers.



# San Diego Miramar College



- **Renovated Aviation Facility:** Modern technology, climate control, and advanced equipment to enhance training safety and expand aviation job training.
- **New Early Childhood Education Center:** Offering interactive play spaces and learning materials, outdoor exploration zones, and secure drop-off, meeting the growing demand for early childhood educators.
- **Stagecraft, Multimedia, and Performance Center:** Large lecture hall and performance space with advanced sound, lighting, and stage technologies for educational and community events.



# San Diego Miramar College



- **Modernized Utilities and Central Plant:** Energy-efficient systems to reduce costs and improve reliability for heating, cooling, and electricity.
- **English and Communication Arts Center:** Support academic and career needs with new classrooms outfitted with modern technologies and innovative features, multimedia studios, writing labs, editing suites, and a gallery, replacing an obsolete lecture hall.
- **College Welcome Center/Academic Resource Center:** Reception area, information desk, computer workstations, and spaces for orientation and welcome events, serving students, parents, and the community.



# San Diego College of Continuing Education



- **Career Training Area Renovation:** Upgrade ECC's welding, HVAC, and building trades facilities with modern equipment and innovative technologies to improve safety and align with industry standards.
- **Automotive Technology Program Modernization:** Renovate facilities to support modern technologies and processes, enhancing hands-on experiences and internships to increase student employability.
- **Campus Repairs and Renovations:** Address structural issues at the CE Mesa College and Mid-City Campuses to preserve building integrity and prevent property damage.



# San Diego College of Continuing Education



- **New Central Plant Construction:** Build a Central Plant at the ECC with energy-efficient systems to reduce utility costs and ensure reliable access to essential utilities.
- **Educational Cultural Complex Renovation:** Update the 50-year-old facility with a new Student Services Center, a Community Room for events, and childcare facilities.
- **Mid-City Campus Expansion:** Expand or construct a new campus to accommodate in-demand programs such as English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, job training, and skill development, addressing waiting lists, and supporting social integration and economic opportunities for the community.



# Supporting The Proposed Bond

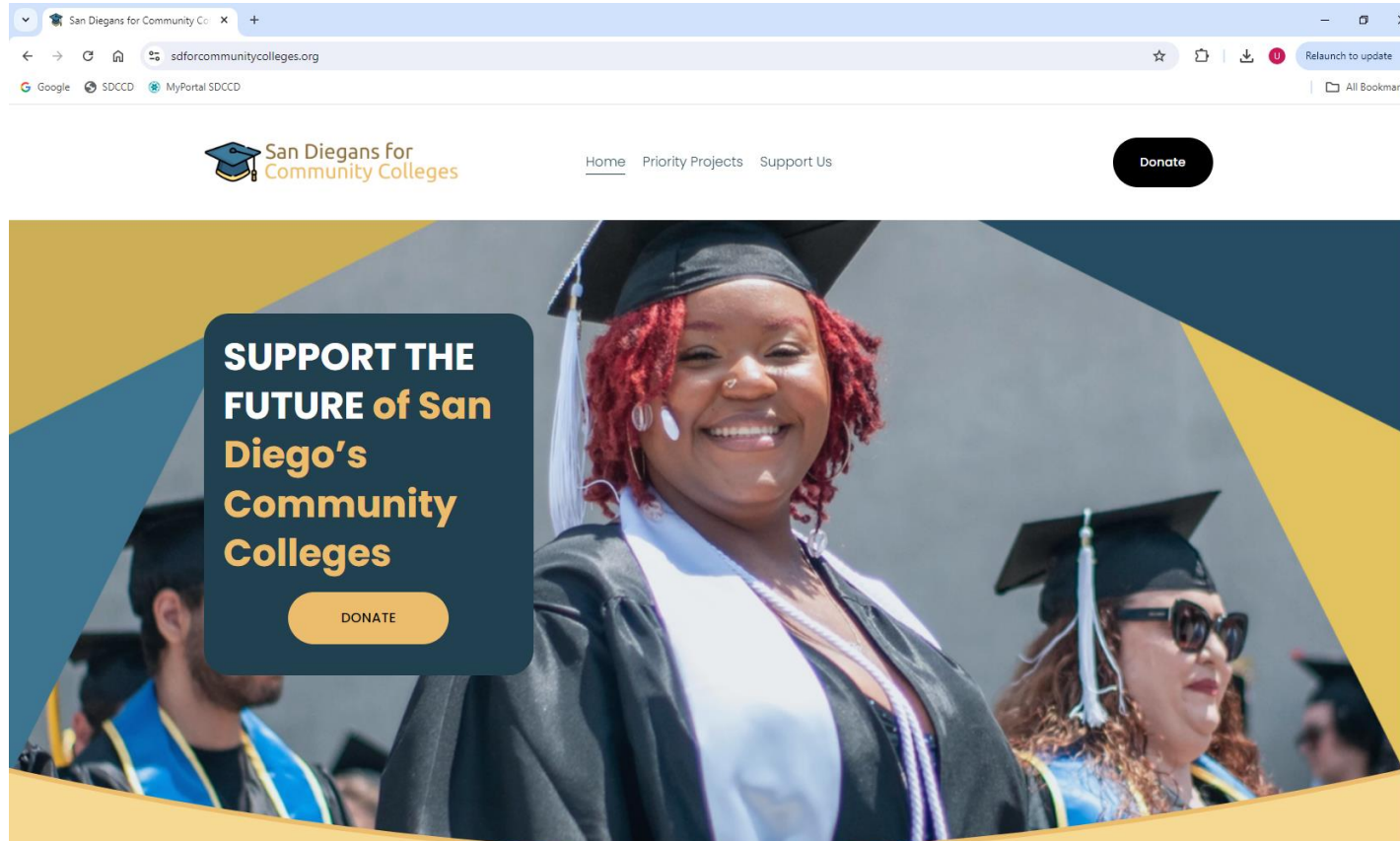


- Encourage students and community members to [register to vote](#)
- Share information with your community about the prioritized projects at your campus that will be funded by the bond
- Share information and support for the bond on social media
- Contribute to the San Diegans for Community Colleges "Building Better Futures" bond campaign





# Campaign Website



To learn more about the campaign supporting the proposed bond or volunteer opportunities, scan the QR code above!

# Reminders & Expectations: Allowed Projects



## Article XIII A of the California Constitution:

*"Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district, community college district, or county office of education 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"*

| Traditional Projects  |  | Additional Eligible Projects   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New construction and facility replacement                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic facilities</li> <li>- Athletic facilities</li> <li>- Student service center</li> <li>- Libraries</li> <li>- Administrative buildings</li> <li>- Food service facilities</li> <li>- Bookstores</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furnishing and equipping facilities</li> <li>• Facilities repairs and upgrades                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety and security upgrades</li> <li>- Plumbing upgrades</li> <li>- Roof repair and replacements</li> <li>- Electrical upgrades</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology equipment &amp; infrastructure upgrades</li> <li>• Modernization of instruction labs with career training equipment</li> <li>• Energy efficiency and sustainability                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Solar energy projects</li> <li>- LED lighting, photovoltaic systems</li> <li>- HVAC upgrades for energy cost savings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Student housing</li> <li>• Workforce housing</li> <li>• Endowments</li> <li>• Paying off existing debts (e.g., leases, COPs)</li> </ul> |

# Reminders & Expectations: Conduct



## Finance and political conduct rules for bond and tax elections:

- State law provides that any person who uses public funds or resources to support a bond measure may face imprisonment, fines, or both. Officials can also be held personally liable to reimburse the public agency for any misspent funds. Violation of these rules could cause an election to be invalidated.
- Any officer or board member **may** appear at any time before a public or private organization, when requested to do so by the organization, to present the District's view of a bond measure, to discuss the reasons why the governing board has called a bond election, and to answer taxpayer questions. It is recommended that a written invitation be obtained from the requesting group.

# Reminders & Expectations: Use of Funds



Public funds, services, supplies, or equipment **may not** be used for the following:

- To recruit or organize supporters or raise funds for a future campaign, hire a consultant to develop a public relations and fund-raising strategy, or any other activities that form the basis for an eventual bond measure campaign, even before an election is called by the BOT
- To urge voters to favor or oppose a bond measure that is before the voters
- To purchase such campaign items as bumper stickers, posters, or advertising
- To release public employees from ordinary duties during the paid working day to allow them to campaign on behalf of a bond measure
- To disseminate partisan campaign literature prepared by private partisan groups; this includes the use of a public agency's personnel, internal mail system, or other facilities to circulate partisan materials to employees or the public at large.

# Reminders & Expectations: Activities



A school or community college district, its officers or employees **may**:

- Undertake studies (including voter surveys) and gather data in connection with the condition and needs of the campus buildings, as well as financial support and general management, including hiring consultants for the purpose
- Inform the citizens of the District's educational programs and activities
- Submit a partisan ballot argument for a bond measure
- Distribute information to the public that constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of relevant facts to aid voters in reaching informed judgment regarding bond issue
- Give a fair presentation of the facts in response to a citizen's request for information
- Make a public forum available on equal terms to all sides in a campaign

# Conclusion



For five decades, the San Diego Community College District has been the foundation for **building a better future for San Diegans.**

A 2024 Bond measure would enable us to keep that foundation **strong and vibrant.**

