

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Resolution No. 20:3

In Support of
Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020

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 72 centers are located in nearly every community in the state, serving more than 70 percent 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, and 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 over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, provides \$2 billion 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, the Hartnell Community College District has \$13,000,000 in facility need which may be partially funded by State matching funds; and

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

WHEREAS, 17,000 middle class jobs, including almost all building trades, are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, quality community college facilities enhance the education and training of a skilled 21st Century workforce, in furtherance of the State's academic and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will not raise State taxes, and state matching funds reduce the need for additional local property taxes for college facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District supports Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the **Hartnell Community College District** on this 4th day of February 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: DePauw, Donohue, Montemayor, Osorio, Padilla-Chavez, Salazar

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Lopez

SIGNED: 
Aurelio Salazar, Jr. Governing Board President

ATTEST: 
Patricia C. Hsieh, Board Secretary
Superintendent/President