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Resolution F2012.2

Senate Support of Proposition 30—Governor Brown's 2012 Tax Initiative

Moved: Professor Nance
Seconded: Professor Deaver

Whereas, the California Community College system performs a vital role in the prosperity of the state by educating its citizens in preparation to enter the workforce or to further their formal education,

Whereas, the California Community Colleges have experienced state mandated work-load reductions and other cuts to programs, courses, and financial aid that have severely impacted our students and their educational mission; and,

Whereas, Proposition 30 attempts to address community college funding in the short-term, halting the downward spiral that has forced community colleges to turn away thousands of students, curtail our academic offerings and services, cut classified staff and adjunct faculty positions; and,

Whereas, the Rancho Santiago Community College District will face further severe cuts should Proposition 30 fail to gain support in the November election,

Resolved, that the SCC Academic Senate requests the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees to join in our support for Proposition 30; and, further,

Resolved, that the SCC Academic Senate encourage faculty, staff, administrators, and students to educate friends and neighbors about the importance of this initiative to our community colleges and to make an informed decision in reference to Proposition 30 in November (See Appendix A).

Date Presented: 2 October 2012
Date Approved: 17 October 2012

Santiago Canyon College is an innovative learning community dedicated to intellectual and personal growth. Our purpose is to foster student success and to help students achieve these core outcomes: to learn, act, communicate and think critically. We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing an accessible, a transferable, and an engaging education to a diverse community. (Approved 4/12/2011)

Basic Facts on Proposition 30 – Governor Brown’s 2012 Tax Initiative

By Nooshan Shekarabi

1. What is Proposition 30

It is Governor Brown’s tax proposal initiative that has been qualified for the California ballot in November. It will result in an increase in taxes and the allocation of the revenues to California’s K-12 schools and community colleges.

2. How will Proposition 30 work?

It will initially raise the state’s sales tax by 0.25% from January 1st, 2013 to December 31st, 2016 from 7.25% to 7.50%. For every million dollars that is spent, there will be an additional \$2500 paid in taxes.

The collected revenue would then be allocated into an Education Protection Account specifically designed for K-12 schools’ funding (89%) and community colleges’ funding (11%). The California community college system would be allocated \$209.9 million if the proposition succeeds and would experience a loss of \$338.6 million if the proposition fails. The UC and CSU systems would suffer a \$500 million reduction in funding allocation.

3. Pros

Three years post the passage and implementation of Proposition 30, the community college system will gain back its losses in funding which have been at over \$800 million since 2008. ***The Rancho Santiago Community College District will lose approximately \$8.6 million if Proposition 30 does not pass. That loss equates to 2100 fewer full-time equivalency students for both campuses.***

4. Cons

Some are of the opinion that in this current economic environment, individuals should not be subject to increased taxation.

Others are of the opinion that the upper income earners should not incur an increase in taxation as they are currently paying 40% of the state’s taxes.

5. Supporters of Proposition 30

- The California Democratic Party
- The League of Women Voters
- Governor Jerry Brown
- The California Teachers Association
- The California State Council of Service Employees
- The American Federation of Teachers
- The California Federation of Teachers
- The California School Employees Association

6. Opponents of Proposition 30

- The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
- The Small Business Action Committee’s President Joel Fox
- The Los Angeles County Board of Education’s Member Doug Boyd
- The Executive Director of the California Branch of the National Federation of Independent Business Member John Kabateck
- The Sacramento Taxpayers Association President Kenneth Payne
- The California Republican Party