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Maintaining Affordable Access to Higher Education and Job Training

Measure P

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the state of SBCC's facilities?

While SBCC has served the community well for decades, most college facilities were built over 60 years ago and need repairs and upgrades to meet current academic and safety standards. Some classrooms were built so long ago that they have asbestos and lead pipes, and do not meet current earthquake safety standards.

How is SBCC planning to address these needs?

To repair and upgrade aging college facilities, the SBCC Board of Trustees voted to place Measure P, a \$198 million facilities improvement bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. Measure P would simply **extend the current bond tax rate previously approved by voters** of \$8.50 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value.

Why is Measure P needed to fund facilities improvements?

The State provides very limited funding for community college facilities. Local funding is needed to address these needs at SBCC and to continue providing a high-quality education to local students for jobs and university transfer.

Would Measure P help SBCC qualify for state matching funds?

Yes. Measure P would help SBCC qualify for state matching funds that would otherwise go to improve schools and colleges in other communities. In fact, SBCC has already qualified for millions in state matching funds that cannot be accessed without the local matching funds. SBCC's access to these state funds will expire soon without the local matching funds from a bond measure.



How can I learn more or ask questions about Measure P?

To share your input or ask questions, please contact SBCCBond@SBCC.edu.

Information About Measure P

A Legacy of Affordable Access to Higher Education and Job Training

A Century of Excellence

Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) has been a cornerstone of our community for over 100 years, providing affordable college education and career training to local students. Nearly half of local high school students enroll in courses at SBCC. Offering a wide range of high-quality undergraduate degrees, university-transfer courses, dual enrollment, certificate programs and career and technical education, SBCC ensures students have access to the education and job training they need to succeed, fueling our local economy with skilled workers.

Rising Cost of College

With the rising cost of four-year colleges and universities, many local students rely on SBCC for affordable higher education at a fraction of the cost of Cal State, University of California (UC) and private universities. SBCC provides local students who can't afford high university prices with an opportunity to succeed in college and their future careers. In 2023, SBCC ranked fourth among California community colleges for student transfers to the UC system.

Essential Training for Essential Workers

Santa Barbara City College plays a crucial role in training the essential workers who serve our community every day. SBCC provides education and job training to local nurses, paramedics and other first responders. Our programs ensure that healthcare workers, public safety professionals and other skilled laborers are well-prepared to meet the demands of their professions. By investing in SBCC, we are investing in the future of our community's health, safety and well-being.



Investing in SBCC's Future WITHOUT Increasing Tax Rates

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Crumbling Walls



Deteriorating Bathrooms



Outdated Plumbing



Leaky Roofs and Damaged Ceilings

Measure P: Local Funding for Urgent Repairs and Upgrades at SBCC Facilities

If approved by voters, Measure P would:

- Provide modern science labs, career training facilities and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing, health sciences, engineering, chemistry, technology and skilled trades
- Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems
- Retrofit older buildings so they are earthquake-safe
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes where needed
- Upgrade older buildings so they meet current health and building safety codes, and ensure proper access for students with disabilities
- Modernize classrooms, labs and equipment to keep pace with current industry standards

Measure P Requires Mandatory Fiscal Accountability and Local Control

Measure P includes strict accountability and local control requirements:

- ✓ Measure P would help SBCC qualify for state matching funds that would otherwise go to other communities
- ✓ By law, all funds from Measure P may only be used to improve SBCC facilities
- ✓ No funds from Measure P could be taken away by the State or diverted to other uses
- ✓ An independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory annual audits and public disclosure of all Measure P spending would be required
- ✓ No funds raised by Measure P could be used for administrator salaries or benefits
- ✓ Measure P **would not increase tax rates beyond the amount already approved by voters**