



Local Ballot Measure: C

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Argument In Favor of Measure C

Vote YES on Measure C to expand and enhance Coalinga College’s vocational and career technical education facilities. This will ensure our students are well-prepared for successful careers and higher education, directly benefiting our community’s workforce development and local businesses.

As taxpayers, we recognize that quality educational institutions increase the value of our homes and businesses. By voting YES on Measure C for Coalinga College, you support economic growth and job creation in our community.

Measure C Provides Key Protections and Benefits:

- **Guaranteed Local Investment:** By law, Measure C funds cannot be taken by the state and must be spent on Coalinga College.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Full public disclosure of spending, independent citizen oversight and annual audits ensure responsible use of funds.
- **Funding Only for College Projects:** Funds cannot be used for administrators’ salaries, pensions or benefits.
- **State Matching Funds:** Measure C qualifies Coalinga College for additional state matching funds.

Measure C Will Fund Essential Updates:

- **Modernizing Vocational Education:** Expanding career and technical education programs to prepare students for careers in highly technical fields.
- **Classroom Renovations:** Updating or replacing outdated facilities with relevant classrooms and labs.
- **Advancing Career Training and Certification Programs:** Renovating facilities such as Welding, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Heavy Equipment and Agricultural Science Programs.
- **Enhanced Security Measures:** Updating security systems, cameras and lighting for a safer campus.
- **Attracting and Retaining Students:** Improving facilities, programs and student housing to increase enrollment.

Vote Yes on Measure C to support the success of future generations and protect the value of our community’s homes and businesses. Join us in voting **YES on Measure C**. Together, we can build a strong and secure future for West Hills Community College District’s Coalinga College and our community.

- /s/ Kenneth Eugene Stoppenbrink, Retired Educational Administrator
- /s/ Nathan Vosburg, City Councilmember
- /s/ Roger Schindler, City Council
- /s/ Jalaa Mahfood, Bus. Owner
- /s/ Gregory Scott Netherton, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce

Rebuttal To Argument In Favor of Measure C

VOTE NO ON MEASURE C! VOTE NO on \$19 MILLION in new bonds. Everyone agrees that education is important. But bonds lead to generational indebtedness. Residents already pay a lot in income, property, sales, and gas taxes (plus inflation)! These bonds are a burden to homeowners, renters, businesses and customers alike!

- Property owners would pay higher property taxes. Renters would suffer rent increases as landlords pass on the cost of higher taxes. Customers would pay higher prices as businesses pass on the cost of higher taxes. **NO ON MEASURE C!**
- Proponents say there would be transparency and citizen oversight requirements. However, the 2022 Measure K West Hills Bond also passed with citizen oversight requirements. It mandated a seven-person oversight committee. Yet, it has four vacancies. Most of the active members on that oversight committee are Community At-Large Members appointed by the Board of Trustees. This raises concerns about how much actual oversight there would be if Measure C passes. **NO ON MEASURE C!**
- The **true cost** of the bonds would be an estimated **\$32,000,000** (with interest), not \$19 million. Families benefit from keeping more of their hard-earned dollars in their pockets for groceries, gas, rent, and necessities. While proponents of the measure are cheering that it would increase property values, renters already facing higher rents would also find it more cost prohibitive to buy a home. Everyone agrees that education is important. But robbing Peter to pay Paul hurts Peter. **NO ON MEASURE C!**

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- /s/ Matthew Hartwig, Chair, Libertarian Party of Fresno County
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