

RESOLUTION 12-6402

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE EL CAMINO
COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT/TRANSFER/JOB TRAINING MEASURE ON
THE NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT

WHEREAS, El Camino College prepares students for transfer and high-tech careers in science and engineering, as well as training local health care workers, nurses, firefighters and first responders; and

WHEREAS, thorough evaluation and public input regarding El Camino College's facilities needs, enrollment trends, space utilization, technology needs and energy usage has identified major needs throughout the campus; and

WHEREAS, many of El Camino College's instructional spaces are at least 50 years old, some are nearly 65 years old and are in urgent need of upgrades, repairs and up-to-date equipment to help achieve our educational mission while utilizing "green" energy-efficient systems so that the college can save thousands of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the bond extension measure will provide El Camino College with the ability to enhance classroom space to ensure students have access to affordable, high-quality education and technology needed to transfer to universities and compete for good paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, all other alternatives for funding facility improvements have been explored and utilized; future funding will focus on providing instructional space and improved course offerings to give local high school graduates and returning students the opportunity to finish required courses so that they can successfully transfer to University of California and California State universities; and

WHEREAS, improved educational resources are needed for students who are veterans or active military so they receive the support needed to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the average cost per \$100,000 assessed valuation for this bond extension, plus the 2002 Measure E bond assessed valuation, is planned to be no more than \$25 annually; and this cost is tax deductible; and

WHEREAS, the passage of a local bond extension to pay for the necessary additional classrooms, health and safety upgrades, energy efficiency improvements, accessibility, safety and security improvements, physical education facilities and desperately needed lab and technology equipment will allow us to continue providing educational services to students in our community; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the city of Manhattan Beach, that the Council supports the El Camino College Improvement/Transfer/Job Training Measure on the November 2012 ballot.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2012.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Wayne Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura, City Clerk