



## Río Hondo Community College District

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# RÍO HONDO COLLEGE

## Q&A: Facilities Needs Assessment Process

### What is driving this Río Hondo initiative? Why now?

Río Hondo College students, including our returning veterans, need and want greater access to university level courses and affordable job-training for in-demand careers. To accomplish this goal, the college district is considering asking our community to support a local facilities bond on the November ballot. Local bond funding will help our Río Hondo students and community benefit from upgrades to nursing, police, fire, advanced manufacturing, science, technology, engineering, math, and other job training facilities and classrooms.

### How can we be assured that facilities bond funding would be spent properly?

If approved by voters, all funds raised by the kind of bond we are considering would stay local to benefit Río Hondo students and local college facilities. By law, these funds cannot be taken by the State or spent on administrators' salaries. An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee is required to ensure bond funds are spent properly.

### I don't have people in my household attending college. Why should this matter to me?

Quality college and job training facilities at Río Hondo College help train the workforce we need to support our community. Having Río Hondo College in our community helps maintain property values and enhance the local quality of life. As facilities are improved, our local economy will also get a needed boost.

### How would better facilities improve instruction and job training at Río Hondo College?

Repairing and upgrading Río Hondo College facilities would allow the College to better prepare students for transfer to 4-year universities and enter or re-enter the workforce with the skills necessary for good paying jobs.

### Doesn't the District have a budget for facilities maintenance?

Río Hondo College maintenance and operations staff work hard with very limited resources to keep our local college facilities safe and in adequate working condition. However, after decades of constant use by thousands of college students, the College requires repairs and upgrades that far exceed our available maintenance budget.

### What about job training facilities?

Job training facilities are a top priority at Río Hondo College. In addition to upgrading academic facilities that help students prepare for transfer to 4-year colleges and universities, the measure we are considering would also ensure that the College continues to provide high quality, affordable job-training programs. Improved facilities will help Río Hondo students seeking specialized skills, get the training they need to successfully compete for in-demand jobs and careers.

### Where can I go for more information?

**[www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu)**  
or call: (562) 692-0921





## Did you attend Rio Hondo College?

Have you or someone you care about taken college classes or received job training at Rio Hondo College? We want to hear from you!

## Our Focus:

### **Preparing Students For Success In College.**

Rio Hondo College serves students looking to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities.

**Workforce Training.** We provide career training in high-demand fields like nursing, police, fire, advanced manufacturing, automotive technology, science, technology and many others.

**Community Resource.** Rio Hondo College is an important resource for the community, providing training for students of all ages who seek specialized training, re-training, and/or access to higher-paying skilled jobs.

### **Improving Educational Options For Veterans.**

Rio Hondo College serves veterans returning from active service, who are looking to better prepare for transfer to 4-year universities or seeking specialized training to re-enter the workforce with in-demand skills and capabilities.

Dear Community,



Rio Hondo College provides an excellent academic foundation and training that prepares students to transfer to UC and Cal State schools to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rio Hondo also invites high school students to get

a jump start on earning college credit by taking college level courses before they even graduate.

To ensure that the College continues to offer an affordable higher education while saving families money on the first few years of college tuition, we must continuously plan for a future where Rio Hondo College's academic and career training facilities meet current, emerging and future student and employer demands. We welcome your input in our facilities planning process.

— Dr. Marilyn Flores

## What do YOU think?



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