

Río Hondo Community College District

2024 Facilities Bond Measure

FACT SHEET



Background: For more than 60 years, **Río Hondo Community College District** has provided a high-quality, affordable college education and career training to thousands of local students in Los Angeles County, offering a wide range of undergraduate degrees, university-transfer courses, certificate programs, career and workforce education programs. The College exists to provide affordable access to the higher education and job training for college students and returning veterans needed to succeed in life and the skilled workers needed to fuel our local economy.

Río Hondo College is where most of our local nurses, police, firefighters, and 911 emergency responders are trained. It's a vital resource for local college students and veterans seeking real-world skills to compete for good-paying jobs or prepare to transfer to 4-year colleges or universities without facing crushing loan debt. The College even invites local high school students get a jump start on college by taking courses while still in high school and leads other innovative initiatives that expand opportunities for local residents to attend college, many of whom are the first members of their families to receive and experience a college education.

However, after more than six decades of constant use by students and staff, our local college continues to age and deteriorate. Upgrades are needed to ensure that Río Hondo College is here for current students and future generations to come. This is the goal of the District's 2024 facilities bond measure proposal, **Measure RH**, on the November 5th ballot. Measure RH seeks voter authorization to upgrade classrooms, labs and facilities to better prepare local students for jobs, careers and transfer to 4-year colleges and universities. No other funding exists to address these needs.

If approved by voters the Río Hondo College Bond Measure RH will:

- **Upgrade** clean drinking water systems
- **Remove** mold/lead paint/asbestos
- **Repair** leaky roofs, deteriorated HVAC units and faulty plumbing/restrooms
- **Modernize** technology, electrical wiring, and high-speed internet
- **Renovate/construct** classrooms/labs for first responder training, and high-demand careers like science, advanced manufacturing, automotive technology, and others
- **Improve** campus safety, updating lighting, fire alarms, cameras, and emergency systems
- **Increase** accessibility for disabled students

The Measure RH Ballot Question: "Río Hondo College Upgrade, Repair, Safety Measure RH. To prepare students for college transfer/careers by: upgrading classrooms/labs for nursing, police, fire, manufacturing; constructing education facilities; repairing leaky roofs; providing safe, clean drinking water; improving technology, electrical systems, high speed internet, student safety; shall Rio Hondo Community College District's measure be adopted to issue \$442,200,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$28,262,000 annually through maturity, with audits, public disclosure, all funds benefitting Rio Hondo College?"

Strict accountability and taxpayer protections are REQUIRED. ALL funds stay local, dedicated to Río Hondo College. Public spending disclosure, annual audits, independent citizens' oversight ensure funds are used as promised.

A "YES vote" would support the bond proposal; a "NO vote" would reject the proposal. All voters living in the Río Hondo Community College District who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote on this measure. Fifty-five percent (55%) voter approval is required for passage.

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