

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6515

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING MEASURE CC, THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CAREER PREPARATION AND AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION MEASURE.

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees has determined a need for construction, renovation, acquisition, and updated equipment for educational facilities to maintain and expand Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College; and

WHEREAS, state funding is unfortunately insufficient to adequately maintain and grow District educational facilities, while also funding new and expanding current academic programs to ensure advanced learning outcomes that is expected from today's higher learning institutions; and

WHEREAS, the colleges have been deemed valuable by their respective communities by delivering affordable, high-quality education to community individuals who desire to learn job skills and/or transfer to four-year universities; and

WHEREAS, many of the buildings at the three colleges are currently in need of upgrades to maintain compliance with safety regulations, disability access, security and IT system directives; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees comprehends the importance of preparing students for skilled trades; therefore, the District has developed a plan to construct a trade center in Jurupa Valley; the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center would afford students the opportunity to learn trades in order to work in high-demand, good-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, the colleges are leaders in training nurses, first responders at the Ben Clark Education Center, skilled professions, yet our communities continue to face a shortage of trained professionals in a number of highly sought after fields; and

WHEREAS, additional funding would provide equipment advancements, all of which is needed to meet industry standards in science, technology, engineering, math, computer science, and other fields of study that would impact communities in the region; and

WHEREAS, a local measure would also afford the District the opportunity to expand high school dual enrollment and adult education; 27 million US adults lack a high school diploma or equivalent and adults without a high school diploma or equivalent earn on average \$553 a week; expanding both programs would enrich the physical, mental, and economic development of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees and its colleges have collected input from students to faculty to staff to business and civic leaders, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees finds it suitable to seek approval of a general obligation bond to provide funding for a trade center and the improvement of college facilities and equipment to meet industry and program standards, and advance of specific educational program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PERRIS CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council supports the decision of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees to place a local obligation bond on the November 5, 2024, ballot.

Section 2. The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the operative part of this resolution.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. The City Council finds the adoption of this resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 24th day of September 2024.

Michael M. Vargas, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Nancy Salazar

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 6515 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of September 2024, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: ROGERS, NAVA, CORONA, VARGAS

NOES: RABB

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

By: _____
City Clerk, Nancy Salazar