



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation Regarding Ballot Measure L, Funding Repairs, Upgrades, and Expansions to San Joaquin Delta College

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2004

PREPARED BY: Janet L. Hamilton, Management Analyst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None required.

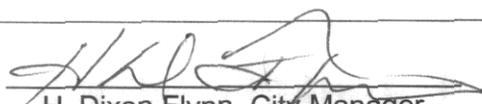
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: San Joaquin Delta College Board Member Maria Elena Serna and President Dr. Raul Rodriguez will make a presentation to Council.

FUNDING: None


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YES ON L FOR DELTA COLLEGE

Help San Joaquin Delta College – VOTE YES ON L.

For nearly 70 years, our College and Education Centers have provided excellent, affordable education to students throughout our region. College programs provide a skilled workforce, train students for better paying jobs, and prepare students for transfer to 4-year universities. Our police, fire safety, emergency medical services and nursing programs train thousands of professionals who keep our citizens safe and healthy.

Unfortunately, the age of our buildings threaten quality education. Classrooms, computer labs and libraries are more than 30 years old, and need upgrades to accommodate modern technology. Outdated fire safety equipment needs replacement, asbestos/hazardous materials must be removed.

New classrooms and computer labs will accommodate expanded job training programs. As a result, Measure L will help to provide a better-educated workforce, which will benefit local business and stimulate our economy.

Faculty, staff, students and community members identified urgent priorities, which are less expensive to address now, than in the future. Measure L will:

- ✓ **Repair leaky roofs;**
- ✓ **Replace decaying walls;**
- ✓ **Upgrade wiring;**
- ✓ **Improve fire safety;**
- ✓ **Remove asbestos;**
- ✓ **Expand Education Centers and classrooms.**

Because the University of California and California State University systems are becoming so expensive, more students are relying on our College for affordable education. Measure L will expand educational programs throughout our region, the fifth-fastest growing in California.

Measure L is subject to tough fiscal accountability requirements.

Financial audits **MUST** be published annually, with all expenditures monitored by an independent Citizens Oversight Committee to ensure funds are spent as specified in the Bond Plan.

By law, the Bond Oversight Committee must include senior, taxpayer, and business representatives, among others. **NO** district employees or vendors can serve, and **NO** bond money can be spent on administrators salaries.

VOTE YES on L for quality education.

YES I Support Measure L to Help Delta College

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\$5000 \$2500 \$1000

\$500 \$100 \$50

Other _____

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Walk a precinct

Put up a 4' x 4' sign on my property

Signature required

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2004: Will it be full of drama?

Camelot: When the last Delta College bond passed in 1969, we built a splendorous citadel for higher education. The castle has become a little leaky and drafty over the years but its regal aura and usefulness as an intellectual hub and economic foundation are still sturdy. If 55 percent of the voters will support the proposed \$250 million bond, we will not only fix up the Stockton campus, but may have a north county learning center serving Lodi and Galt.

We expect the knights of good sense will rally to the cause of Measure L on March 2.

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