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City College of San Francisco to ask voters to approve Phase II bond initiative

SAN FRANCISCO, California, August 11, 2005 – The Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco voted at a special meeting August 10 to ask the citizens of San Francisco for their approval of a \$246.3 million bond issue as Phase II of a renovation/rebuilding plan for the College. The voters will have the opportunity to approve the Phase II bond on election day, Tuesday, November 8. The ballot initiative would be a follow up to the \$195 million Proposition A Education Facilities Improvement Bond passed by 72 percent of San Francisco voters in 2001.

Among the projects proposed for funding in Phase II are:

Performing Arts Education Media Center: \$70,000,000 to construct a new building and associated infrastructure on the Ocean Avenue Campus to provide new classrooms, laboratory, practice/performance and related facilities to support expanded enrollment and improved learning opportunities in the areas of music, theatre arts, film, and related technologies.

Advanced Tech Bio/Stem Cell Technology Training: \$38,000,000 to construct a new facility and associated infrastructure on the Ocean Avenue Campus with classrooms, laboratory and related space to support Engineering, Design/Graphics, Computer, Bio/Stem Cell Technology Training Programs.

Renovation/Remodeling/ADA Access/Child Care: \$35,000,000 for projects to renovate and modernize the District's aging facilities and to improve disability access, meet seismic standards, and improve child care facilities.

New Student Development Center: \$33,000,000 to construct a new building and associated infrastructure on the Ocean Avenue Campus to provide for the consolidation of student services (admissions, registration, financial aid, matriculation, counseling, advising, and career planning) in a one-stop service center for all students.

Joint Use Facility: \$30,000,000 to construct a new facility and associated infrastructure on the Ocean Avenue Campus with classrooms, laboratory and related space to provide opportunities for San Francisco Community College District to offer courses jointly with San Francisco State University allowing students to complete both the Associate and Bachelor degrees in Teacher Education, Health Care, and Child Development.

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Chinatown/North Beach Campus: \$15,000,000 to complete the construction and equipping of a new and expanded campus, and address increased costs associated with inflation, particularly related to building materials (concrete and steel).

John Adams Campus Upgrade: \$10,000,000 for Phase II of the reconstruction of the 94-year old campus, including seismic work and related renovations and upgrades.

Computer Network/Energy Conservation: \$10,000,000 for Phase II of the Technology Infrastructure Project to expand intercampus communication systems in support of enhanced learning opportunities and improved energy conservation and cost savings.

Mission Campus: \$5,300,000 to complete the construction and furnishing of the new campus facility as well as to provide for high quality equipment, and to address increased costs associated with inflation, particularly related to building materials (concrete and steel).

As with Phase I, which netted nearly \$140 million in matching state funds, the College intends to leverage the bond money for an additional \$75-\$100 million from the state over the next several years.

In order to ensure that the expectations of San Francisco voters and taxpayers are met, a Citizens Oversight Committee will oversee all of the bond expenditures and project management efforts of City College. The current Citizens Oversight Committee that has been in existence since 2001 will continue to oversee the Phase I bond projects and related expenditures.

“The 110,000 students of City College who are presently enrolled and the hundreds of thousands of students who will be enrolled in City College need to have the kind of modern infrastructure that will facilitate their learning needs. It is the best investment we can make,” says Board President Rodel E. Rodis.

“I wish to assure voters that the College is making good on its commitments to improve its facilities district-wide,” says Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor. “We look forward to your favorable consideration of our new bond scheduled for the November 2005 ballot. It will enable us to complete the essential facilities improvement for the future of City College of San Francisco, especially a new Community Cultural, Performing and Media Arts Center,” he added.

Leading up to the Board vote on August 10, the College conducted a formal poll to assess the level of support that the citizens of San Francisco have for the college. Among the results of this formal poll of 600 San Francisco voters conducted by David Binder Research under the direction of the Steering Committee for the Phase II Bond was that 71 percent of voters agreed that it is important to support a bond measure for CCSF because everything possible must be done to improve the educational environment and insure access for all students, and that 66% indicated they would look favorably on a follow up bond to Phase I, and 69 percent would vote “yes” after hearing how the money will be spent and what improvements would be made.