

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE G**

The board of trustees of the West Hills Community College District submits Measure G to the voters to consider whether the district shall issue and sell bonds in a maximum amount of nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000.00) to raise revenue for the district. A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of the district issuing and selling the bonds. A "NO" vote is a vote against the issuance or sale of such bonds.

This bond measure must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voters voting on this measure. If the bond measure is approved, the governing board of the West Hills Community College District may issue and sell bonds in an amount not to exceed nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000.00) bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the statutory maximum per annum. The bond shall be payable annually for the first year that the bonds have been issued and semi-annually thereafter. A tax will be levied upon the taxable real property within the school district sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds. The bonds issued pursuant to this bond measure shall have a maturity date not exceeding forty (40) years from the date of issuance of the bonds or any series thereof. The money raised by the bond measure can only be used for the purposes specified in the notice of election adopted by the board of trustees of the West Hills Community College District.

s/ Steven R. Sanders
San Benito County Council

**TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE G**

An election will be held in the West Hills Community College District on June 2, 1998 to authorize the sale of \$19 million in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9401 and 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 0.650 cents per \$100 (\$6.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 1998-99.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is 2.545 cents per \$100 (\$25.45 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2004-05
3. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 2.545 cents per \$100 (\$25.45 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2004-05.
4. Based on the District's estimate of when bonds will be sold, the interest rates prevailing at the time of such bond sales and the projected growth in assessed valuation, the best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to fund this bond issue is 1.692 cents per \$100 (\$16.92 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the needs of the District. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: March 6, 1998

s/ Frank Gornick, President
West Hills Community College District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Access to learning and education is critical to the economic health of our region. We all need and deserve the ability to obtain an education in order to improve our skills and abilities. West Hills College is the only institution in our region that offers this opportunity. The College plays a critical role by:

- Providing educational opportunities to all students regardless of income
- Preparing students for transfer to four year colleges and universities
- Offering vocational job training in programs such as business, law enforcement, computer technology and agriculture
- Retraining workers with new job skills to compete and succeed in the work force

In order to continue to provide you and your family with these educational opportunities, we must invest in our College's future. Measure G will:

- Construct a new full-service campus in Lemoore with over \$11.5 million
- Repair and modernize the existing Coalinga Campus with over \$6.5 million
- Rewire the North District Center's classrooms for modern technology with over \$1 million
- Create computer labs with individual student stations
- Repair classroom heating and ventilation systems
- Improve campus safety with increased lighting
- Repair and replace deteriorating plumbing systems
- Upgrade and expand college libraries
- Retrofit classrooms for modern computer technology at all West Hills College sites
- Renovate classrooms, some of which are over 40 years old
- Construct additional classrooms to reduce overcrowding and accommodate student growth

Measure G makes sense for our entire community. It will create jobs by investing tax dollars back into our local economy. One hundred acres of land is being donated for a new campus. The City of Lemoore will contribute the new roads and utilities required for this project. The State will contribute \$16 million in matching funds.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE G!

s/ Ken Marvin, Kings County Sheriff
s/ Ron Lee, Business Owner
s/ Keith Scrivner, Business Owner
s/ Allen Mohammadi, Business Owner

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

