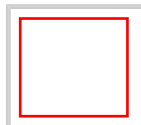


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Dolores Hasson, [here](#).



I am seated to the right of the Honorable Xavier Becera. To his left is Justo Robles, CTA staff. In the back row, David Hernandez, CTA Board; Rachel Maldonado Aziminia, CCA Vice President; and Mary Rose Ortega, NEA Board.

Congressperson Xaviar Becera is signing a pledge in support of Proposition 47. Should this proposition pass, 13.05 billion dollars will go to relieve overcrowding, make safety repairs and upgrade California's K-12, community colleges, and universities. For the first time, 40% of the higher education portion of the bond (\$1.65 billion) will be allocated to community colleges. Thanks to CCA/CTA's leadership, the legislature decided to break the 1/3 split tradition and thanks to CCA/CTA's leadership, the bond will have a good portion of the campaign funds needed.

If you wish to read more about this important proposition for community colleges, please go to the following internet address: www.yesprop47.com.

Some frequently asked questions I have encountered as I travel through out the State:

How quickly will Prop. 47 funds be put to use?

Immediately. Many projects are in the pipeline waiting for funding. Other projects have been approved in local bond elections and need the "matching funds" Prop. 47 will provide to be completed.

Will every community college receive funds?

There are two bond cycles—2002 and 2004. If both pass, community college districts will qualify for funds.

How will the money be divided?

Community Colleges will receive 40% of the higher education portion of the bond (\$1.65 billion) and CSU and UC will receive 30% each.

K-12 will receive \$11.4 billion (\$3.3 billion for repair and upgrading of old deteriorating schools and most of the remaining \$8.1 billion for new construction to relieve overcrowding and make room for new students.)

Is Prop. 47 a tax increase?

No. Prop. 47 is NOT a tax increase. It's a general obligation bond.

In light of current economic forecasts, is this really the right time to be approving another bond?

It's exactly the right time. As the State Treasurer put it: "It is critical that California make this substantial new investment in educational facilities to sustain the strength of our economy and social fabric in the years ahead."

But what about the State's bond credit rating....can we take on more debt?

Yes, The State Treasure and respected bond rating services report California's bond credit rating is healthy and strong.

Didn't we just pass a statewide education bond measure?

Back in 1998, California voters passed Proposition 1A. Proposition 47 will take over where 1A left off to help fund the thousands of additional projects waiting in line.

Will Prop. 47 build all the projects needed to relieve overcrowding and repair buildings?

No, as large as this and the next proposition are, they cannot fund all the potential projects. But it is a good start. The need is great.

Any questions? Call the CCA office at 916/726-4207.

