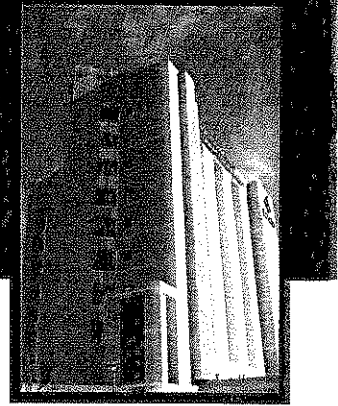


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## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY *FACILITIES BOND PROJECTS* 4/03

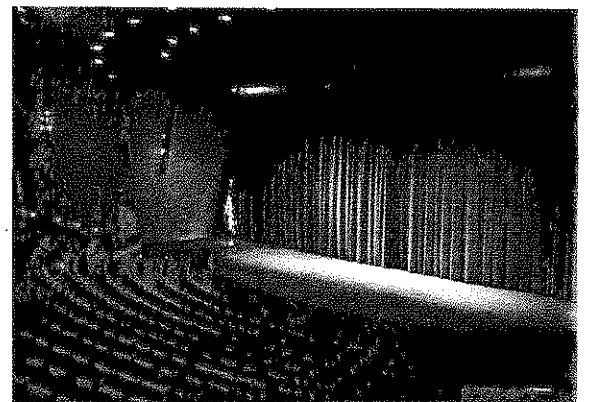
When Measure X was approved by voters in north Orange County last March, a community-wide investment in education was initiated. Measure X provided bond funds of \$239 million for improvement and expansion of colleges and continuing education facilities in the area, assuring residents and businesses that educational resources will continue to be of high quality. This report will provide highlights of the projects that are currently under way with the support of bond funds, as well as a glimpse into future plans and the legal aspects of managing this significant public trust.

### ***Cypress College Hosts Grand Openings and Dedications***

Making tremendous progress in the first nine months of bond implementation, Cypress College has many reasons to be proud. The college's first bond projects were the renovation of the Campus Theater and several classrooms. Also, bond proceeds allowed the college to partner with the City of Cypress to replace and restore the campus tennis courts, which had fallen into such disrepair that the college was unable to field a tennis team. Grand openings and dedications were held recently to celebrate the completion of these projects, even as the college prepares for groundbreaking in October, 2003 for construction of the new Library/Learning Resource Center (LLRC) and finalizes working drawings for the new building, which will provide students with access to vital educational resources and support.

### ***Cypress College Looks Into the Future***

With much accomplished to date, Cypress College looks ahead to several new facilities and renovated buildings. Groundbreaking for the college's new Student Center is slated for April, 2004. In addition, committees to aid in the planning, design and use of other new campus facilities have convened and a 10-building project to remodel and improve the efficiency of several classrooms and laboratories is under way. Cypress College also looks forward to construction of a new School of Continuing Education Building, and improvements to the Piazza and other selected buildings.

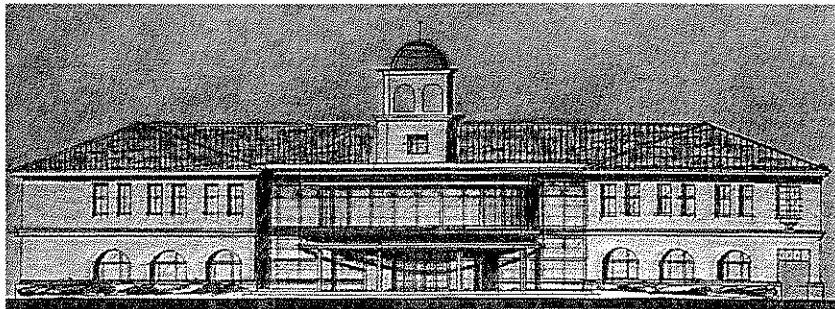


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### ***Fullerton College Sets Designs on Success***

A new Library/Learning Resources Center (LLRC) will also open at Fullerton College and the design stage is in full swing. The LLRC will house the William T. Boyce Library, Staff Development Lab, Academic Support Center, Adaptive Services Center and Math Lab. Also in the design phase is remodeling of the former District Education Center at the corner of Lemon and Berkeley to accommodate FC's Cosmetology Department and Massage Therapy certificate program. Planning is well underway for other much-needed facilities additions and improvements at Fullerton College—including two new parking structures, a new maintenance, operations and computing building, and a physical education facility.



This June, seismic retrofitting of the 1000 Building will be completed and the building will be available for classes when the fall semester begins in August. Also, during the fall semester, the

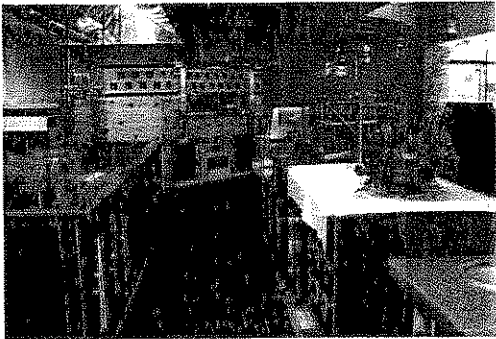
Student Center will be demolished, and construction of the new LLRC will begin. During the following Fall and Spring Semesters, the DEC remodel and construction of the maintenance and parking facilities will begin.

### ***Anaheim Campus Open for Classes***

Passage of Proposition 39/Measure X in March, 2002 provided funds for the district to implement its Master Plan and establish an education center in Anaheim, the largest city within the geographic boundaries of the NOCCCD. Opened in November 2002, the new Anaheim Campus serves as a central location for the district's School of Continuing Education, a new state of the art classroom and laboratory for the Cypress College Hotel, Restaurant and Culinary Arts program, and an extension campus for Fullerton College, which offers several general education courses at the new site. District administrative offices and services are also located at the Anaheim Campus. The remodeled 270,000 square foot facility, formerly Martin Luther Hospital, is testimony to the effective planning and use of both bond and state funding to better serve the vast NOCCCD community.



Modification of the former hospital was no small task. It took more than a year to complete interior demolition, seismic reinforcement, and redesign and rebuilding of six of the 11 floors. Just completing its first semester of classes, the campus already serves nearly 5,000 students and welcomes several hundred staff and faculty members every day. The larger first floor, measuring 78,000 square feet, includes 23 classrooms, five laboratories, the culinary arts instructional area and cafe', child development center, exercise and



aerobics classroom, warehouse, printing and design department, and Training and Development Institute. The other floors, each measuring 13,000 square feet, house student instruction and service areas, as well as office space for School of Continuing Education and district staff. The remaining, unoccupied floors will be leased to higher education institutions.

### ***Fast Track to Facilities Improvements***

Working diligently to meet established timelines, teams of architects, contractors and district staff have turned plans into reality. "All facilities will be designed, built and opened within five years," states Vice Chancellor Rod Fleeman. Nine months into the district's five-year plan, bond-funded improvements are on track to meet the district's deadlines. "I am very comfortable that we have made a good start," Fleeman adds. "We are moving ahead with a very good team in place. We want our community to benefit as soon as possible from the improvements that they have provided by supporting our bond measure."

### ***ABCs of the Bond Process***

After voters approved the NOCCCD's Measure X, next steps in an established bond process began. First, the District's new bonds required a rating by an authorized rating company. After achieving high ratings, the district's bonds went out for sale with the firm of Solomon Smith Barney as the underwriter. The bond's first issue for the amount of \$139,000,000 was sold in May 2002. The second issue of \$100,000,000 will be re-rated and sold in three years. Next, the District set forth its plan to address the 22 facility projects that had been identified for bond funding prior to the election. A Citizen's Oversight Committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees and planning at the campus level went into high gear. To date, much work has been completed and numerous projects are under way. Within a five-year time frame, all 22 projects are scheduled to be complete, per the district's master plan.

### ***Citizen's Oversight Committee***

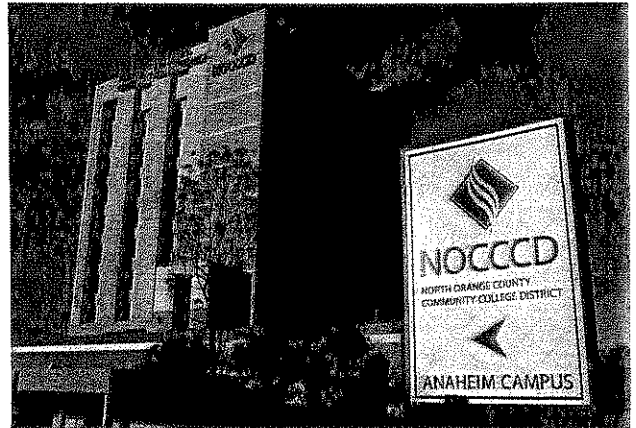
Regulated by the Ralph M. Brown Act of 1953, the NOCCCD Citizen's Oversight Committee oversees an annual fiscal audit, annual program audit, and compliance with the original voter-approved plan for the use of Proposition 39/Measure X funds. The Committee also ensures that construction, purchase of property, equipment and furnishings are within project guidelines. The Committee maintains ongoing communication with the public regarding projects and funding.

Reporting to the District's Board of Trustees, the eight-member Citizen's Oversight Committee is comprised of representatives of businesses, senior citizens, taxpayers, support groups, and students. District staff members or individuals in a financial relationship with the District may not serve on the Committee. Members of the Committee serve two-year terms and receive no compensation.

The Committee is comprised of business representatives Darrell Essex, who serves as Committee Chair, and Ray Estrella; senior citizen representative George Tsuda; taxpayer representative Chris Lowe; college support group representatives Mary Bouas and Rowland Hill; and student representatives Sonja Servin and Mike Shafer. Meetings of the Citizen's Oversight Committee are open to the public and take place four times a year. Upcoming meetings will be held July 9, 2003 and October 8, 2003 at the NOCCCD's Anaheim Campus, 1830 W. Romneya in Anaheim. For more information about the Citizen's Oversight Committee, please contact the NOCCCD Public Affairs Office at (714) 808-4829.

### ***Auditor's Report***

The NOCCCD Citizen's Oversight Committee chose the audit firm of Vicente, Lloyd and Stutzman to conduct the required performance and financial audits of bond funds. The firm was chosen at the October 9, 2002 meeting, after the committee reviewed proposals submitted by four firms. In January 2003, Vicente, Lloyd and Stutzman reported that the NOCCCD had complied with the requirements for the Proposition 39/Measure X General Obligation Bond for the 2001-02 fiscal year. Over the next four years, independent audits will be conducted annually.



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