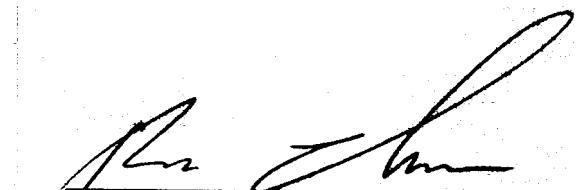


SENATE RESOLUTION 05-03

Motion: to endorse Kindergarten-University Bond Act

Passed at the November 11th, 2003 meeting of the
Academic Senate

Approvals:



Renny Christopher
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: 11-11-03

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE

KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY

PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004

Whereas, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 (2004 Statewide School Bond) provides \$12.5 billion in bonds to relieve overcrowding, reduce class size and repair and upgrade California's elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities; and

Whereas, the 2004 Statewide School Bond measure is the second half of a two-part statewide education bond package to repair, upgrade and build new school facilities, and the first half of the package (Proposition 47) was overwhelmingly approved by California voters in 2002, and passage of the second half of the package is equally as important to improve student achievement and better prepare students for the modern workforce; and

Whereas, California schools and colleges are severely overcrowded, with more than 700,000 new students expected to seek enrollment at a California college or university by 2010; and

Whereas, the California Postsecondary Education Commission estimates the state will need to spend approximately \$1.5 billion per year through 2010 to maintain existing higher education facilities and to provide for expected enrollment increases and the 2004 bond will provide \$1.15 billion a year for two years;

Whereas, the 2004 Statewide School Bond will allow our public colleges and universities to make seismic and other safety improvements to older buildings as well as new labs, classrooms, and research facilities; and

Whereas, the 2004 Statewide School Bond will give students more access to the technology and computers they need to meet academic standards and compete in the modern workforce; and

Whereas, the 2004 Statewide School Bond provides a much needed boost to our state's economy and putting Californians back to work building a better learning environment for our children is a wise investment in these difficult economic times; and

Whereas, the 2004 Statewide School Bond funds must be spent on school construction, not on overhead, and projects must comply with strict accountability requirements, including mandatory audits, to safeguard against waste and mismanagement.

Therefore be it resolved, the Academic Senate of CSU Channel Islands supports the Kindergarten-University Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004.