

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



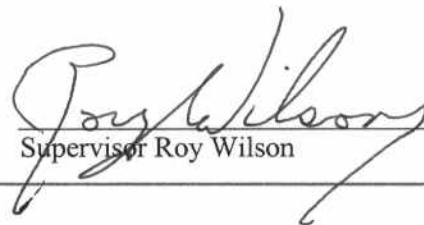
FROM: Supervisor Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: Jan. 28, 2004

SUBJECT: Measure C, providing funding for Riverside Community College expansion and renovation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors endorse the attached Resolution 2004-074, in support of Measure C on the March ballot.

BACKGROUND The Board of Supervisors is aware of how important the availability of quality local community college education is for the quality of life and economic health of our communities. Rapid population growth and uncertain state funding threaten the viability of Riverside Community College's facilities, and those of the Moreno Valley and Norco campuses. The number of local students hoping to attend RCC is projected to double in the next 10-15 years. To meet the needs of our communities' students, RCC must expand. Measure C will address many of these concerns, and it will provide a stable source of local funding controlled locally, not in Sacramento.


Supervisor Roy Wilson

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-074**

3 **IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE C**

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5 WHEREAS, Riverside Community College District has placed a general obligation bond,
6 Measure C, on the March 2004 ballot; and,

7 WHEREAS, Riverside Community College has served residents of the City of Riverside
8 for more than 87 years, helping students – young and old from diverse families and
9 neighborhoods – earn a college degree, prepare for the workforce, and become lifelong
10 learners; and,

11 WHEREAS, Riverside Community College has been a sound financial steward of public
12 monies during that time, maximizing the use of State funds to construct and improve buildings
13 on the Riverside Campus and to open new campuses in Moreno Valley and Norco to better
14 serve both residents in the City and adjacent cities in Riverside County; and,

15 WHEREAS, Riverside Community College faces continued pressure from local
16 population growth and reductions in State funding that challenge its ability to maintain the high
17 quality of education services that Riverside residents have come to expect and to depend upon;
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, funding for higher education – particularly community colleges – is not
20 expected to increase given California's serious financial situation; and,

21 WHEREAS, Measure C would provide a stable source of funding, controlled and
22 administered at the local level; and,

23 WHEREAS, Measure C funds would be used to construct, renovate and improve
24 classrooms, laboratories, and student support services buildings, increase parking, and improve
25 lighting and safety on the Riverside Campus (as well as on the Moreno Valley and Norco
campuses); and,

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WHEREAS, these projects would enable Riverside Community College to continue to educate students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities or to enter the local workforce as trained, highly qualified professionals in such needed areas as health care, public safety and emergency services, manufacturing and new technologies; and,

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of its local institutions of higher learning to give all citizens the "ed-vantage;"

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically supports the passage of Measure C as a benefit to residents throughout the City of Riverside.