

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



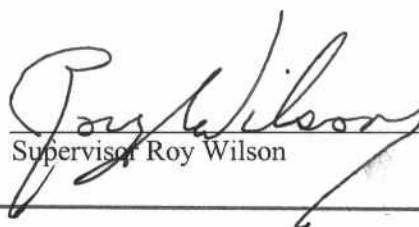
FROM: Supervisor Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: Jan. 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Measure B, providing funding for College of the Desert expansion and renovation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors endorse the attached Resolution 2004-075 in support of Measure B 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 ability of The Desert Community College District to maintain pace with the educational needs of the desert, given current facilities at College of the Desert. With an eye to providing services to a growing student body in both the Western Coachella Valley and the Eastern Coachella Valley, the College of the Desert has in place a Facilities Master Plan which outlines the District's facility needs through 2015. The Measure will provide a \$346.5 Million general obligation bond.


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1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-075**

3 **IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE B**

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5 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside has determined that the
6 Desert Community College District (the District) needs to acquire, construct, improve and equip
7 certain properties and equipment within the District in order to enable the District to maintain
8 College of the Desert as a valuable community resource, to train and re-train local residents for
9 higher-paying and skilled jobs, particularly nurses and public safety personnel, and to enhance
10 the educational opportunities of the students in the District who desire to transfer to four-year
11 colleges and universities; and

12 WHEREAS, due to the rapid growth of the District's service area, including the eastern
13 and western Coachella Valley, thousands of new students are entering college each year and
14 College of the Desert desires to respond to such growth by expanding its campuses and
15 constructing new facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, the District, in collaboration with staff and community has prepared a
17 Facilities Master Plan which outlines the District's facility needs through 2015;and

18 WHEREAS, in the judgment of the District's Board of Trustees, it is advisable to provide
19 additional funding for such facility, technology, and safety needs by means of a \$346.5 million
20 general obligation bond to be placed on the

21 March 2, 2004 consolidated election ballot as Measure B; and

22 WHEREAS, the District and the College of the Desert administration have demonstrated
23 responsible stewardship in the allocation and use of funds received from the federal and state
24 government and private donors over the past forty years;

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1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does
2 hereby resolve to endorse and support the Desert Community College District's bond campaign
3 and bond measure (Measure B) scheduled for the March 2, 2004 consolidated election.

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