Measure J Slightly Behind with Absentee, Other Ballots Remaining

The outcome of the election was “too close to call” according to the OC Register nearly two days after voters went to the polls.

Measure J — a proposed facilities bond that would support renovation of the Science, Engineering, and Math and Fine Arts buildings, and foster construction of a Veterans Resource Center — was .6% short of the necessary 55% approval threshold as of the Thursday @Cypress deadline. All precincts are reporting, but a number of absentee and provisional ballots remain to be counted. An update will be provided this afternoon by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

In its election coverage on Thursday, the Orange County Register newspaper said Measure J was too close to call.

As of Thursday evening, all precincts in the District had submitted their ballots to the Registrar of Voters, and those results had Measure J just .6% short of approval. The Registrar also reported that 106,513 provisional and absentee ballots were still to be counted. With 66,410 yes votes, Measure J needs about 800 more yes responses than no votes on the remaining ballots. It is unknown how many of the outstanding ballots come from within the District.

In a memo to the District community, NOCCCD Chancellor Dr. Doffoney expressed his “deep and sincere gratitude to those who worked tirelessly — and on their own time — to support the YES on J campaign.”

He also touched on the uncertainty of the ballot measure’s outcome. “Until we know that all the ballots from our District area have been counted and recorded, we will remain hopeful that we are able to close this tiny gap.”

Measure J wasn’t the only item on Orange County ballots related to Cypress College. Health Information Technology faculty Rebecca Gomez was re-elected to the Tustin City Council. Alumnus Al Jabbar, a former president of the Cypress College Associated Students, was elected to the Anaheim Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees. Another alumnus, David Harrington, won election to the Aliso Viejo City Council.

Pull for Cypress Campaign Tops 200 Donors

The Cypress College Foundation’s 2014 Pull for Cypress employee fundraising campaign has reached its conclusion. For the third consecutive year, more than 200 employees participated, with a total of 202 contributing this year.

Nursing Students Give Flu Shots in Community

Senior nursing students are helping to administer flu vaccinations with the Orange County Health Department. The program provides free immunization to those in under-served areas.

Dr. Simpson Presenting to Board of Trustees on Institutional Effectiveness, Annual Report

Dr. Simpson will present the College’s Institutional Effectiveness Report and the 2013-2014 Annual Report to the NOCCCD Board of Trustees on Tuesday. Combined, the reports present detailed information about activities at the College during the past academic year.

Also on the meeting agenda, the Board will also consider the District’s potential participation in the state’s new pilot program to offer baccalaureate degrees at community colleges.

The Board meets on the first floor of the Anaheim Campus, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
TO: ALL STAFF
November 6, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

As we continue to await definitive results for Tuesday’s election, it is an appropriate time to express our deep and sincere gratitude to those who worked tirelessly — and on their own time — to support the YES on J campaign. As of this writing, YES on J is a mere fraction of a percentage point shy of approval. There are thousands of ballots cast countywide that remain to be counted. Until we know that all the ballots from our District area have been counted and recorded, we will remain hopeful that we are able to close this tiny gap. There is more on this topic below. But, first I want to get to expressing our appreciation for the work of our YES on J team.

The campaign on Wednesday evening provided the following statement to the Orange County Register for their reporting on election results. I believe it bears sharing with as broad an audience as possible because we can’t say “thank you” often or vigorously enough.

“We’re humbled and grateful for the tremendous support of the voters in the District. This was a roll-up-your-sleeves campaign with dedicated volunteers making calls day after day to share our needs. More than 650 people endorsed YES on J. These students, faculty, staff, and community leaders invested themselves in our students’ needs. We are so thankful to know they believe in what we are doing. Our mission remains to find a way to update our facilities for our students and our veterans. We’ve made it through tough economic times — sometimes literally keeping things together with duct tape — and that spirit and resourcefulness will guide us in finding solutions to serve our students.”

Many, many people gave up their time to get our campaign to this point. We are not permitted to conduct election activities at taxpayer expense. That restriction means the YES on J campaign was conducted completely by volunteers and a small group of outside consultants who were paid by our donors. As was mentioned in the statement, we were endorsed by more than 650 people — literally from A to Z, Assemblyman Tom Daly to Zeke Hernandez of LULAC. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez and CSEA Chapter 167 endorsed, as did United Faculty, the Academic Senate of Cypress College, and the Associated Students of Fullerton College. The list is too long to repeat here, but you can view it on the SupportOurColleges.com website.

Also, long is the list of District employees who gave up their evenings and weekends, took vacation times and shifted their work schedules to facilitate a rigorous set of activities that included development of mailers, speaking engagements, and phone banking. It’s not possible to list each of the volunteers here. But it is most appropriate to highlight the two people who worked tirelessly for the past year on this campaign as the initiators and leaders of our efforts: Mr. Fred Williams and Ms. Kai Stearns Moore. The NOCCCD owes this pair and the committee they assembled a deep debt of gratitude for their commitment to our students.

While we maintain hope that Measure J will be approved, we must also add our thanks to the thousands of members of our community who voted in support of YES on J. We currently have
62,116 votes in our favor. That is 54.4% of all ballots that have been recorded thus far, and a mere .6% under the 55% threshold we need to reach in order to approve Measure J, which will allow us to implement the vision of our institutions as articulated in our 2011 Comprehensive Master Plan. The Registrar reports that at this point there are 135,540 ballots that remain to be counted in this election. If we are able to realize a net gain of 785 or more votes, Measure J will prevail. At this point, the Orange County Registrar of Voters is providing updates each day at 5 p.m. You can find the results at OCvote.com.

As we wait for the work of elections officials to conclude, I hope that you will feel good about your contributions to our efforts and that you will give congratulations to those around you who committed to this meaningful effort.

With my utmost appreciation,

Ned Doffoney, Ed.D.
Chancellor
The Library and Associated Students are collaborating on the annual A.S. food drive this year. The Library’s participation in the joint campaign is called “Food for Fines.” It will run November 1-19, 2014. During this period, the Library will accept food donations in lieu of library fines.

Students owing fines can bring one or more non-perishable, unexpired, undamaged canned or boxed food items to a member of the Library staff. In return, they’ll waive your library fines.

Donations are also welcome, even for those who don’t owe fines. All donations go to the Cypress College Associated Students’ Food Drive.
VACUNA CONTRA LA GRIPE ¡TOTALMENTE GRATIS!*

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**Dia de Muertos**