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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF A RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOND MEASURE IN THE COMING ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District (“District”) Board of Trustees has determined a need for construction, renovation, acquisition, and updated equipment for educational facilities to maintain and expand Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College; and

WHEREAS, state funding is unfortunately insufficient to adequately maintain and grow District educational facilities, while also funding new and expanding current academic programs to ensure advanced learning outcomes that is expected from today’s higher learning institutions; and

WHEREAS, the three colleges have been deemed valuable by their respective communities by delivering affordable, high-quality education to community individuals who desire to learn job skills and/or transfer to four-year universities; and

WHEREAS, many of the buildings at the three colleges are currently in need of upgrades to maintain compliance with safety regulations, disability access, security and IT system directives; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees comprehends the importance of preparing students for skilled trades; therefore, the District has developed a plan to construct a trade center in Jurupa Valley; the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center would afford students the opportunity to learn trades in order to work in high-demand, good-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, the three colleges are leaders in training nurses, first responders at the Ben Clark Education Center, skilled professions, yet our communities continue to face a shortage of trained professionals in a number of highly sought after fields; and

WHEREAS, additional funding would provide equipment advancements, all of which is needed to meet industry standards in science, technology, engineering, math, computer science, and other fields of study that would impact communities in the region; and

WHEREAS, a local measure would also afford the District the opportunity to expand high school dual enrollment and adult education; 27 million US adults lack a high school diploma or equivalent and adults without a high school diploma or equivalent earn on average \$553 a week;

1 expanding both programs would enrich the physical, mental, and economic development of our
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees and its three
4 colleges have collected input from students to faculty to staff to business and civic leaders, and the
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees finds it suitable to
7 seek approval of a general obligation bond to provide funding for a trade center and the improvement
8 of college facilities and equipment to meet industry and program standards, and advance of specific
9 educational program.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
11 California, as follows:

12 Section 1: The City Council supports the decision of the Riverside Community College
13 District Board of Trustees to place a local obligation bond on the November 5, 2024, ballot.

14 Section 2: For the sake of future learners and the long-term health of education for the
15 community of Riverside — where just 25 percent of the population holds a bachelor’s degree or higher
16 — the City Council backs an obligation bond for Riverside Community College District seeing it as
17 an investment in individuals who will make up the future workforce in the city and surrounding
18 communities

19 Section 3: As such, the City Council urges the communities who make up the western portion
20 of the Riverside County to support the measure, as doing so will recognize the critical role education
21 plays in todays and tomorrows workforce.

22 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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25 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
26 Mayor of the City of Riverside

27 Attest:

28 _____
29 DONESIA GAUSE
30 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at
3 its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

7 Abstain:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
9 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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12 DONESIA GAUSE
13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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