

# Clackamas on the ballot Nov. 4

by Tim Young

**C**lackamas Community College is asking for \$90 million this fall. The campus is preparing for Ballot Measure 3-447, which will be voted on Nov. 4. With a focus on high demand areas such as engineering, nursing and manufacturing, the bond would modernize and update classroom space for job training opportunities among other projects.

The bond would also fund building a new industrial learning center on the main campus that would benefit automotive, manufacturing, welding, skilled trades and apprenticeship preparation as well as a new community center.

A bond is a loan that voters pay back in taxes. The bond measure would not result in an increase in the college's estimated average annual bond tax rate of 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The bond would be paid off in 26 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in multiple series, according to the CCC website. For example, for a home valued at \$250,000, the home owner would pay \$47.50 in taxes per year, for 26 years when the bond would be paid off.

In 2000, the college passed a \$47 million bond that paid for work on the Niemeyer Center, Roger Rook Hall, DeJardin Hall, Streeter Annex, the Art Center and Training Center 2.

A \$130 million bond measure was defeated by nearly two-thirds of voters in 2011. With a smaller bond price in mind than three years ago, members of the CCC community are working hard to get the word out.

Vote Yes for Clackamas Community College campaign spokesperson Marcia Latta said that in addition to the \$90 million from taxpayers, \$16 million in state matching funds is available, as well as \$5 million in private donations, totaling \$111 million for the campus. The bond vote would allow the college to expand classroom space in high demand areas and this is a great time to make these improvements because, as Latta said, "[matching fund] opportunities may not be around" at other times.

So far, the campaign has been endorsed by the Clackamas Community College Board of Education, David Robinson, a candidate for Clackamas County Clerk, The Oregonian, and Barry Rotrock, a retired superintendent of Oregon City School District, among many others. The campaign is well underway and the Clackamas community can learn more at:  
[www.clackamas.edu/bondinformation](http://www.clackamas.edu/bondinformation),  
[www.voteyesclackamascollege.com/](http://www.voteyesclackamascollege.com/).

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