

**Notice of Measure Election**  
**District**

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**Notice**

<b>Date of Notice</b> 2/26/2016	<b>Name of District</b> Mt. Hood Community College	<b>Name of County or Counties</b> Multnomah, Hood River, Clackamas	<b>Date of Election</b> 5/17/2016
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**Ballot Title** Prepare with assistance from the district attorney or an attorney employed by the district.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Bonds to construct Workforce Training Center; Enhance Safety and Technology

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Mt. Hood Community College expand skilled job training; enhance student safety, technology; issue bonds not exceeding \$125,000,000; audits required

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Proceeds of the bonds will be used to finance district-wide capital projects. The State has agreed to provide a grant towards the cost of the projects but only if the College can provide matching funds. Passage of this bond would provide the matching funds. In addition, the District intends to apply to the State for seismic grants to help defray costs.

If the bonds are approved, a citizen committee would be established to oversee use of the proceeds. Bond proceeds would be used to:

- Construct, equip and furnish new Workforce Applied Technology Center
- Construct, equip and furnish new Northeast Portland (Maywood Park) campus building
- Safety, security and other improvements including lockdown capability and seismic upgrades
- Technology Infrastructure Improvements
- Refinance existing capital obligations

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the tax rate is estimated to be approximately \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$31 per year for property assessed at \$100,000.

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**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:  
 → any measure referred by the district governing body; or  
 → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized.

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*By signing this document:*  
 → I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election and I certify the above ballot title is true and complete.

Signature redacted

2/25/2016

**Signature** **Date Signed**

### Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

**Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form.** This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

#### Filing Information

Election:  Primary 20 16     General 20 \_\_\_\_\_     Special \_\_\_\_\_    Measure # 26-17P

#### Ballot Title Caption

**Bonds to construct Workforce Training Center; Enhance Safety and Technology**

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

**Debra A. Derr, Ed.D, President**

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

**Mt. Hood Community College**

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#### SIGNATURE

**Signature redacted**

**2/25/16**

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

#### MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

#### For Office Use only:

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count (500 max): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed?  Yes     No

Digital copy?  Yes     No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Review Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes     No

Intake Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mt. Hood Community College District was established in 1965 with the purpose of giving East Multnomah County residents access to higher education. Fifty years later, the College has served more than 1,000,000 students across three counties and continues to enroll more than 25,000 students every year at its three campuses, which include the Gresham Campus, the Bruning Center for Allied Health, and the Maywood Park Campus.

The College opened its doors in 1966, and by 1974 enrollment had reached nearly 10,000. That year, the College proposed, and the community approved, a \$6.3 million general obligation bond. That was 40 years ago, and it was the last time our community approved funding for the College's classrooms and job training facilities by passing a bond.

The College has worked diligently with its community and its business and industry partners to determine the greatest needs of this region. The focus of the general obligation bond on workforce and economic vitality reflects what our communities have said are their priorities. These priorities have been communicated to the state of Oregon, which will provide \$8 million toward the Workforce and Applied Technology Center if matching funds are provided through this bond.

The proposed general obligation bond will be used by Mt. Hood Community College to:

Construct a Workforce and Applied Technology Center on the Gresham campus. This facility will enable the College to work in partnership with local businesses to provide and expand technical and trades programs, workforce development, and corporate training with the goal of students entering the workforce at a more rapid pace.

Rebuild and expand the almost 100 year-old Maywood Park education and training center to provide additional instructional space and expand access to job training opportunities in Parkrose and Gateway, the largest industrial area in our region.

Address potential campus shootings, like what happened at Umpqua Community College, and earthquake risk by investing in essential security improvements and seismic upgrades that will help protect the safety of students, staff, and visitors.

Provide for technology and campus upgrades. The needs of the student community have changed over 40 years and have not been fully addressed since the College's last bond. Needed upgrades include consistent, widespread wireless access for educational purposes and up-to-date ADA access.

Refinance existing debt. In the past the College has borrowed funds to pay for facilities capital emergencies and improvements the Board determined were necessary. By refinancing this debt, more resources from the College's general fund can be used for academic programming and student support needs.

Bonds issued will be in the principal amount not to exceed \$125 million. The estimated incremental initial tax rate is approximately \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The bond will be subject to independent auditing by a citizen oversight committee tasked to conduct regular meetings and reviews of how bond proceeds are spent.

All funds from the bond must be used for the above-stated projects. No funds may be used for unrelated administration, and all funds will go toward improving the College.