



MEMORANDUM

TO: ASI Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Endorsement #20-03: California Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020

Purpose of the proposed Endorsement: The purpose of this endorsement is to officially support California Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.

Background: Section 1 of Article XVI of the California Constitution requires that general obligation bond issues of \$300,000 or more be referred to voters for approval or rejection. The California State Legislature is required to pass bond acts by a two-thirds vote of all the members in both legislative chambers and approved by the governor. This specific bond act was introduced into the legislature as Assembly Bill 48 (AB 48)¹ on December 3, 2018. When voted on in 2018, AB 48 received bipartisan support with an 87.50% approval rating in the California State Senate and a 98.73% approval rating in the California State Assembly. The proposition will appear on the March 3, 2020 Primary Election ballot¹.

Officially named California Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, the bond authorizes \$15 billion in general obligation bonds for school and college facilities, including \$9 billion for preschool and K-12 schools, \$4 billion for universities (\$2 billion for the California State University and \$2 for the University of California system), and \$2 billion for community colleges.

The CSU Board of Trustees endorsed AB 48 on September 24, 2019¹. Currently, more than half of the CSU's facilities are at least 40 years old, and one-third are more than 50 years old. The CSU estimated renewal backlog of systems past their useful life, including buildings and infrastructure, is estimated at \$3.7 billion. Cal Poly contributes to this growing need, but it cannot be sufficed using current operating funds.

1. Assembly Bill 48

2. California Legislature Website:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB48

Cal Poly has an overall need of \$242,715,000 to address existing building deficiencies. Support for a Higher Education General Obligation Bond means providing the quality facilities needed to educate today's workforce. These funds will provide safe, efficient space for students to learn and for faculty and staff to support the academic mission of the CSU. Bond funds will be used to renovate existing facilities to address fire/life safety, seismic, and deferred renewal needs across the system³.

Requested Action: It is requested that the ASI Board of Directors endorse California Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 and once endorsed it is sent to University President, Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Justin Wellner, Director of Government relations.

Attachments/Links to Supporting Documents

(California Official Voter Information Guide -

<https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2020/primary/pdf/complete-vig.pdf>)

(Assembly Bill 48 - <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ballot-measures/pdf/ab48-ch530.pdf>)

(March 2020 Higher Education Bond Factsheet)