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To: All Students

From: Michael R. Gottfredson, Executive Vice Chancellor

Subject: Proposition 1D: The Facts

Dear UCI Students:

On Nov. 7, California voters will decide the fate of Proposition 1D, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 that will have direct impact on the University of California, Irvine and other UC campuses.

Signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger May 20 and endorsed by the UC Board of Regents, the bond authorizes \$10.4 billion to repair and build schools in communities throughout the state. Of this amount, \$890 million is allocated for the University of California.

Many of you have raised questions about Proposition 1D's impact: At UC Irvine, the bond would provide approximately \$157 million in funds over two years, 2006-07 and 2007-08, for the planning, construction and/or equipping of eight capital projects, including new buildings, renovations and infrastructure. The bond would support our strategic plan as a growth campus and is intended to meet the needs of an already growing student and academic community. We expect the number of enrolled students to increase from more than 25,000 today to 30,000 by 2011 and 32,000 by 2015.

The following Irvine projects would be funded by the bond:

-Arts Building: \$39,855,000. Provides 38,000 square feet of additional space.

-Biological Sciences Unit 3: \$3,268,000. Funds equipment for new building.

-Engineering Unit 3: \$3,292,000. Funds equipment for new building.

-Humanities Building: \$25,726,000. Provides 34,600 square feet of instructional, research and office space.

-Primary Electrical Improvements: \$2,571,000. Supports plans, working drawings and construction of upgrades to expand capacity of campus's electrical distribution system.

-Social and Behavioral Sciences Building: \$37,582,000. Provides 64,100 square feet of instructional, research and office space.

-Steinhaus Hall Seismic Improvements: \$9,681,000. Funds improvements to ensure continued safety of building.

-Medical Education Building: \$35,000,000. Funds 30,000 square feet on the main campus for instructional, research and office space for the PRIME-LC and telemedicine programs at the School of Medicine. Funds also will be used to convert several rooms on campus and at the medical center to telemedicine consultation rooms.

Opponents to the school bond measure argue against adding to the state debt, believe that this particular bond is too large, and express concerns about how the funds will be spent. Supporters, including UC regents, say California needs to invest more in its education system. For more information about pros and cons of Proposition 1D, please visit: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/prop1d>

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