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## **Cabrillo College Bond Measure Achieves Majority Vote, But Does Not Receive Supermajority Required for Passage**

APTOS, CA – With only 18,000 absentee ballots and 6,300 provisional ballots outstanding, Cabrillo College and the Cabrillo College Foundation today announce that Measure Q, the *Cabrillo College Technology, Job Training and Classroom Repair Measure* has so far received a majority vote of 52% from Santa Cruz County voters, short of the 55% required for passage.

The *Cabrillo College Technology, Job Training and Classroom Repair Measure* is a \$310 million education bond that would make repairs and upgrades to the College over the next 20 years in order to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications, and 21st century job skills.

"As a community-based College, Cabrillo relies upon the support and guidance of the community to be successful in our mission, and last night Santa Cruz County voters sent a two-part message to the Cabrillo College community. Part one was that the community continues to support Cabrillo and its fine work. Part two was that this particular bond was not the one that a supermajority of voters could support," said Gary Reece, Chair, Cabrillo College Board of Trustees. "We have learned that in order to achieve a supermajority, we will need to evaluate the size, nature, and duration of a future bond. We are grateful to the community for helping us hear both messages."

"The Cabrillo College Foundation is part of the fabric of the Santa Cruz County community," said Linda Burroughs, President of the Cabrillo College Foundation Board. "The Foundation will continue to prioritize supporting the needs of our students at Cabrillo through scholarships, faculty support, and program support. The Santa Cruz County community has



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generously supported our students year after year and with their partnership, the Cabrillo College Foundation will continue to help our students reach their educational and career goals at Cabrillo College."

Cabrillo College provides essential training that prepares students to successfully transfer to four-year colleges and universities. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz and #2 in transfers to CSU Monterey Bay. Cabrillo College Honors Transfer program students have an 80% acceptance rate to UCLA and a 90% acceptance rate to UC Berkeley. Cabrillo's Career and Technical Education students graduate into rewarding careers in the community, increasing their earnings by 58% with a two-year degree.

In addition to addressing urgent and basic repairs for Cabrillo's deteriorating, 1960's era buildings, the bond measure would have upgraded classroom technology, science labs and computer labs. It would also have improved electrical systems and wiring for computers and wireless Internet access to enable distance education and online learning, in addition to making water and energy conservation improvements.

The measure included fiscal accountability requirements such as a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and independent annual financial and performance audits, to monitor that funds would be expended as promised.

### **About Cabrillo College**

*Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.*

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