

Measure C

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Ballot for Barstow Community College**

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Barstow Community College District (BCCD) provides affordable, high-quality higher education and workforce training close to home. Every year, more than 5,300 students, veterans, active-duty service members, and working adults rely on the College to prepare for in-demand jobs and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

However, after more than 60 years of continuous use, many campus buildings and infrastructure systems require essential repairs and upgrades. Existing College resources and available state and federal funding alone are not enough to fully address these identified needs.

Accordingly, after careful planning and community outreach, on July 30, 2026, the Barstow Community College District's Board of Trustees voted to place Measure C, a local community college facilities bond measure, on the November 3, 2026 ballot for BCCD voters.

If approved by voters, Measure C would address these BCCD facilities needs by:

- ▶ **PREPARING** students and veterans for skilled trades, high demand jobs and careers by providing education in modern, safe facilities.
- ▶ **MAINTAINING** local affordable higher education by using existing District funds on educational programs.
- ▶ **REPAIRING AND UPDATING** deteriorating gas, electrical lines, air conditioning, and heating systems.
- ▶ **IMPROVING** access to skills training, career counseling, and job placement for veterans and active-duty service members by upgrading the facilities that support these programs.
- ▶ **REPAIRING AND UPDATING** classrooms, labs and facilities supporting career training in technology, engineering, nursing, and other in-demand fields.

Voters will now decide how Barstow Community College addresses its facility needs as they vote on Measure C this fall.



Measure C Defined

Measure C is a local community college facilities bond measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot, seeking voter authorization to fund essential repairs and upgrades to Barstow Community College's aging classrooms, career training facilities, technology, and campus infrastructure.

- ▶ A "YES" vote APPROVES funding for the District's plan to repair and upgrade Barstow Community College facilities.
- ▶ A "NO" vote REJECTS the plan.
- ▶ All registered voters within BCCD boundaries are eligible to vote on Measure C.

Measure C Facts:

- ▶ **All funds stay local.** By law, Measure C funds must stay local and be dedicated to Barstow Community College District only. The State cannot take this funding away.
- ▶ **Funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits, or pensions.** None of the money from Measure C can be used to increase salaries, benefits, or pensions for administrators or any other College employees.
- ▶ **Taxpayer protections are required.** An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, independent annual audits, and regular public reports ensure proper spending of funds.
- ▶ **The cost:** A \$37 million bond translates to levies of about **\$25 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation** for property owners. Assessed valuation refers to taxable value, not the market value of your home. The typical homeowner in our community college district would pay about **\$33 a year, or \$2.78 a month.**

Barstow Community College District voters will consider the following language on the November 2026 ballot.

"To repair/upgrade local community college classrooms/labs, maintain affordable higher education in classrooms preparing students/veterans for high-demand jobs/careers, including skilled trades, engineering, nursing; update aging computer technology, emergency systems; repair deteriorating gas/electrical lines; shall Barstow Community College District's measure be adopted authorizing \$37,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$25 per \$100,000 assessed valuation (\$2,500,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, requiring spending disclosure, oversight, audits?"

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**Election Day
is November 3rd.**

Ballots arrive the week of Oct. 5th.



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Questions & Answers About Measure C

Why has Barstow Community College District placed Measure C on the November 3, 2026 ballot?

Barstow Community College District (BCCD) serves an essential community role in the High Desert by providing affordable, high-quality higher education, workforce training, and transfer opportunities close to home. Every year, more than 5,300 students, veterans, active-duty service members, and working adults rely on the College to gain the education and skills they need to succeed.

Barstow Community College has two key priorities: first, to prepare students and veterans for academic success, in-demand jobs, and transfer to 4-year colleges and universities; and second, to ensure that classrooms, career training facilities, technology, and campus infrastructure are safe, modern, well maintained, and capable of supporting today's educational and workforce needs.

After more than 60 years of continuous use, many campus buildings and infrastructure systems require essential repairs and upgrades to support modern technology, hands-on workforce training, and student success. To address these needs and continue providing high-quality educational opportunities in facilities that will serve future generations, the Board of Trustees has voted to place Measure C on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

What would Measure C cost?

If approved by voters, Measure C would translate to property tax levies of about \$25 per year for every \$100,000

of assessed valuation. The assessed valuation refers to taxable value, not the market value of your home. If Measure C is approved, the typical homeowner in our community college district will pay about \$33 a year, or \$2.78 a month.

What would funds raised by Measure C go towards?

Measure C Project Summary:

- ▶ **PREPARE** students and veterans for skilled trades, high demand jobs and careers by providing education in modern, safe facilities.
- ▶ **MAINTAIN** local affordable higher education by using existing District funds on educational programs.
- ▶ **REPAIR AND UPDATE** deteriorating gas, electrical lines, air conditioning, and heating systems.
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How would Measure C impact veterans?

Barstow Community College has a strong partnership with Fort Irwin and serves veterans, active-duty service members, military families, and Department of Defense personnel throughout the region. Measure C would improve facilities that support

workforce training, career counseling, job placement, and educational opportunities that help veterans successfully transition into civilian careers. These improvements would help veterans have greater access to modern classrooms, technology, and career training programs close to home.

How can we be assured that Measure C would be spent properly?

If approved by voters, Measure C would require audits, independent citizens oversight and reports to the community to ensure the funds are spent as promised. None of the money from this measure could be used to increase salaries, benefits, or pensions for administrators, or any other college employees. All funds raised would stay local to support BCCD facility and technology improvements. These funds cannot be taken by the State.

Who's eligible to vote on Measure C?

All registered voters within the Barstow Community College District boundaries are eligible to vote on Measure C on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

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