

## Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson regarding Proposition 78

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Dear Parents:

As you review your voter materials for the November 8 election, I want to draw your attention to Proposition 78. It is of tremendous importance to UCSD, and to public universities and colleges throughout California.

Let me tell you why Proposition 78 is so important to our campus. The student population at UCSD has increased 20 percent in the last four years and is expected to climb another 20 percent by 1994. Enrollment in the California State University and Community College systems is growing at similar rates. And traditional sources of state educational funding cannot keep up with this surge in enrollment demands. The funding of construction and renovation projects on our campuses is now essential to our ability to maintain UC's high scholastic standards and the quality of our students' educational experience.

What does UCSD stand to gain if voters approve Proposition 78? The campus will receive \$12,008,000 in 1989-90; another \$39,005,000 in construction and renovation funding is proposed for the following year. Among the projects the measure would help finance are:

- \* equipment for the new Instruction and Research Facility which will house the departments of Anthropology, History and Political Science.

- \* working drawings and construction money for an addition to the Central Library, our first library expansion since 1971.

- \* renovations in Urey Hall to accommodate the departments of Chemical Engineering, Engineering Physics and Chemistry.

- \* plans for a new Sciences Building, which will house research laboratories for the departments of Biology and Chemistry plus a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility.

- \* renovations in the Applied Physics and Mathematics Building to accommodate the needs of the Computer Science and Applied Ocean Sciences engineering programs.

In addition, the proposition will provide support for UCSD's new Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and renovations to other major buildings on campus.

The measure has the overwhelming bipartisan support of the Legislature and Governor Deukmejian. I hope you will give it your serious consideration when you go to the polls on November 8.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Atkinson Chancellor

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