



# OPPORTUNITY VOTE AUGUST 3

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## Improving Higher Education for Santa Fe Residents on August 3, 2010

On Aug. 3, Santa Fe Community College will ask voters to decide on a \$35-million bond issue to provide much-needed support for the maintenance and energy-efficiency of its Richards Avenue campus. The measure would also support construction of a Higher Education Center, a centrally-located complex in Santa Fe where the community college would partner with the state's universities to enable local students to earn advanced degrees.



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### WILL THE BOND ISSUE RAISE MY TAXES?

**No. In fact, taxpayers could see a decrease in their bill.** This is because interest rates are so low, and some of SFCC's other bond obligations will retire. The new, less-expensive bond money will bring down SFCC's debt service mill levy, which currently stands at 1.046 mills.

#### A breakdown of the bond:

- Santa Fe Higher Education Center \$12 million
- Renovations of existing SFCC campus buildings and grounds \$3 million
- Improvements to college roads, main entry and parking \$7.6 million
- Energy efficiency and green projects \$7 million
- Information technology upgrades and infrastructure renewal \$5.4 million



# ACHIEVEMENT VOTE AUGUST 3

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## SANTA FE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

- The Santa Fe Higher Education Center will coordinate partnerships between SFCC and the state's universities to enable local students to further their education at the bachelor's and master's level. The plan has the approval of the New Mexico Higher Education Department.
- The proposed location is a parcel of land adjacent to the College of Santa Fe campus.
- If approved by voters, the Higher Education Center could open as early as 2012.

### Why now?

- Education is one of the most effective ways to improve the economy and help individuals succeed. The Higher Education Center will provide advanced degrees at an affordable cost.
- Research and polling shows that Santa Fe residents have expressed an interest in furthering their education at the bachelor's or master's level. The Higher Education Center will meet that demand by providing a buffet of programs and institutions, offered in one convenient location.
- In the past two years alone, enrollment at SFCC has grown by more than 25 percent. Classrooms, laboratories, and facilities are at maximum capacity. The Higher Education Center will increase access for local students while alleviating current traffic and crowded conditions at the Richards Avenue campus.

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### THE SANTA FE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

- Eastern New Mexico University
- Institute of American Indian Arts
- New Mexico Highlands University
- New Mexico State University
- New Mexico Tech
- Northern New Mexico College
- University of New Mexico
- Western New Mexico University



**James Gutierrez, 24**

*"I'm a Santa Fe native and I'm attached to my town – I have friends, family, a job here. I don't want to pursue my degree elsewhere."*

