

Members of the Board,

On Wednesday November 19th, The Crafton Hills College Academic Senate was provided an overview of the information presented to the Board of Trustees at the Study Session on November 17th. At the conclusion of this item's discussion, the Senate voted to forward a recommendation to the SBCCD Board of Trustees to reject the proposed CBA.

The CHC Academic Senate's recommendation was based on the information presented on November 17th. The pro argument lacked compelling evidence in support of the proposed CBA. The presenter did not make a strong case for how this agreement would benefit our students. In contrast, the counter argument included detailed costs and related data showing substantial increases in bond related project expenses. We believe the increased costs for both construction and agreement oversight is money that could be used to enhance and/or expand instructional facilities and related amenities.

The CHC Academic Senate appreciates the Board's willingness to study this issue and thanks the Board for the additional time provided. We want to applaud the Board of Trustees for unanimously approving BP 6610. This is a model policy that, according to your recent statistics, has substantially increased the participation of both local hires and local businesses on district capital improvement and construction projects. It is commendable that 80% of the workers on District Bond related projects have come from our local workforce. These workers are parents of our students, community members, and local taxpayers who are helping repay the SBCCD bond debt.

Again, we hope the Board will consider our recommendation and, as always, welcome the opportunity to work collegially on such matters.