



Resolution in Support of the 2018 College of the Mainland Bond Election

WHEREAS, the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of a quality education system – including the construction of buildings to provide new and expanded programs, increase capacity, facility renovations, technology and physical plant upgrades - to promote Galveston County and the Gulf Coast region as a healthy, thriving, attractive place for business and community;

WHEREAS, College of the Mainland created an Academic Master Plan to outline the educational needs of students and meet the demands of the Gulf Coast workforce;

WHEREAS, College of the Mainland created a long-range Facilities Master Plan to provide a footprint for the necessary facilities to serve its students;

WHEREAS, College of the Mainland established a Bond Advisory Committee made up of a diverse group of community leaders, administration, former students and teachers, industry professionals and local business owners representing a diverse cross section of the COM taxing district and charged with reviewing the Academic and Facilities master plans, technology, safety and security needs and making a recommendation to the COM Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, College of the Mainland will provide a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics/Allied Health building; Industrial Careers building and Student Success Center, additions and renovations to Fine Arts building, expansion of physical plant and technology upgrades;

WHEREAS, supporting the quality of education for all College of the Mainland students is an investment in the financial and economic future of the community.

WHEREAS, the Chamber encourages the College of the Mainland to make every effort to use local preference to support local business and capitalize on the expertise in our community.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce endorses the College of the Mainland \$162.5 million bond referendum that will be on the ballot on November 6, 2018, general election, and further encourages residents within the COM taxing district to vote in favor of this investment,

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Approved by a vote of _____

Witness my signature this 18 day of September 2018.

Cindy Harreld-DeWease
Chamber President & CEO

Bryan Bogle
Chamber Chairman of the Board