



# MAYOR REPORT

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**Meeting Type:** City Council  
**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2025  
**From:** Kathleen Walker, City of Sandy Mayor  
**Subject:** Resolution to Support the MHCC Bond

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## **DECISION TO BE MADE:**

Whether to authorize the Sandy Mayor to sign and forward a resolution that says the Sandy City Council is in support of the Mt. Hood Community College's bond for the May election.

## **BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:**

At the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting, committee members from the MHCC Bond committee presented their bond proposal scheduled for the ballot in May, 2025 to make long needed upgrades to their facilities. The City Manager forwarded documents to the City Council that list the bond project list and the presentation made to the City Council.

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:**

The Mt. Hood Community College is a critical asset to the City of Sandy. They partner with Sandy High School to offer students the chance to take college level classes while still in high school, thereby saving time and money needed for additional college classes after graduation.

There are over 27,000 students that have a choice of over 120 professional programs to pursue. These programs include two-year programs that qualify and place students in well paying jobs like Surgical Technician, Respiratory Therapist, and Dental Hygienist. They also allow our community to save money getting one or two years of college locally, before heading off to complete a four-year program elsewhere.

MHCC has a low student to teacher ratio and a hands-on learning approach that maximizes students' readiness to enter the job market directly after graduation. Their focus on training students for trade skills and careers that can sustain a family, allows our children to get an education and job that keeps them in our community. The MHCC bond will also make major improvements to their competition pool, allowing Sandy residents to have both competitive swim options, as well as lap and recreational swimming opportunities.

## **BUDGET IMPACT:**

MHCC proposes a \$131 million bond that will cost tax payers in the District \$0.25 per \$1000 of assessed value. It is estimated to cost the over 200,000 District residents \$5 per month.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2025-09, stating that the Sandy City Council is in support of the \$131 million Mt Community College Bond on the May, 2025 ballot.

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:**

"I move to authorize the Sandy Mayor to sign Resolution 2025-09 demonstrating City Council support for the Mt. Hood Community College Bond for the May 2025 ballot.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:**

- Resolution 2025-09
- Bond Project List
- MHCC Bond Presentation