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SFCC and Chamber Announce Community Forum on Bond Election

Santa Fe, NM, June 30, 2010 — Santa Fe Community College and the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce host a community forum to help educate Santa Fe voters on the SFCC August 3 bond election. The question-and-answer forum will be moderated by Simon Brackley, president and chief executive officer of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce. The event takes place at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 15 in the Jemez Rooms on the SFCC campus, 6401 Richards Ave.

SFCC President Sheila Ortego will provide an overview of the \$35-million bond issue. Members of the college's Governing Board and Friends of SFCC – a citizens advocacy group for the bond – will also take part in the forum. Members of the public are encouraged to bring questions and comments. Refreshments will be served. The forum will be broadcast on SFCTV Comcast Channel 16 at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 16, and again at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17.

The bond will fund maintenance and renovation projects on the SFCC campus, improve outdated technology and help green the college with solar-powered energy. It will also fund the creation of a higher education center, a place where SFCC and state universities can collaborate to deliver bachelor's degrees.

Ortego said she hopes voters will turn out on August 3 to support the college: "SFCC is at a critical moment in time in terms of meeting student, community and workforce needs. Higher education is the key to our community's economic vitality, and the various campus maintenance and improvement projects in the bond package help ensure a safe, high-quality learning environment for students. I hope voters will carefully review the bond information, and then take the time to go to the polls on August 3."

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About Santa Fe Community College

For more than 27 years, Santa Fe Community College has served as the gateway to success for individuals and our community. The College provides affordable, high-quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of Santa Fe's diverse community. More than 14,500 students are served each year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs.

Offering more than 72 degrees and certificate programs, SFCC caters to the academic, career and personal-enrichment needs of local residents, businesses, government and public service organizations. More than 274 full-time and 587 part-time employees are employed by the college. For more information, visit www.sfcc.edu or call (505) 428-1000.

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