

Bond Program Biweekly Report

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Harbor-Side Colleges

Modernization of the Signature Marquee at LA Harbor College is Underway



The **Marquee Sign Replacement** project kicked off construction on June 22, 2026, marking a significant milestone in enhancing the campus's primary gateway. Together with the ongoing Campus Fencing project, these improvements complete the vision for a cohesive and welcoming signature entrance – one that strengthens the College's visibility and presence in the community. The projects also complement the new Southeast Academic Hall, construction to be completed later this summer.

The project includes comprehensive upgrades to the existing 74-foot-tall marquee incorporating advanced display technology used for the double-side 1296-sq foot faces. These enhancements are designed to reduce light pollution and improve clarity. Located

on Figueroa Place at L Street, the marquee will feature energy-efficient LED illumination paired with smart lighting controls that automatically adjust to ambient conditions, ensuring top quality visibility at all times. Other upgrades include a UPS to provide backup power, as needed, a new electrical panel and power supplies.

The new College Perimeter Fence project will replace existing and add new fencing, 11 pedestrian and 10 vehicle access gates around the entire perimeter of the 80-acre campus. Many of the gates will include the capability for remote and programmable access control to improve efficiency and safety. Construction is expected to be completed in October 2026.

Funded by Measure CC, the Marquee Sign Replacement project is expected to achieve substantial completion in the first quarter of 2027. **Simpson & Simpson** is the College Project Leadership Team, led by College Project Director **Mark Al-Soufi**, Design Manager **Jennifer Dow**, Project Manager **JoseGabino Cortez-Ramirez**, Project Engineer **Davoud Sahban**, Technology Project Manager **Collin Reyes**, and Regional Program Director **Natalie Mason**.

Program-wide

Expanding Access Through Athletics: BuildLACCD's Investment in Competition and Community



The 2026 World Cup has officially taken over Los Angeles, and while the world's best are headlining the massive stadiums, the real soccer fever is hitting our neighborhoods! **Through Measure LA, BuildLACCD is implementing a \$163 million investment in athletics** across the nine colleges to match this global moment, turning this temporary tournament spark into a permanent, world-class engine for instruction, community health, and student success.

This investment is already taking shape across the District. At **Los Angeles City College**, **BuildLACCD is replacing the aging 1959 Kinesiology South Gymnasium** with a new 35,833-square-foot athletics facility featuring a new gymnasium, fitness rooms, weight-training space, and Title IX-compliant locker rooms and support areas. The project, currently in Design, will strengthen the College's athletics presence while supporting kinesiology instruction and student wellness, the project represents a major investment in the future of student athletics.



Rendering of Kinesiology South Interior

At **East Los Angeles College**, the **new Kinesiology Wellness Athletic Center (KWAC)** will create a state-of-the-art hub for athletics and wellness adjacent to Weingart Stadium. The three-story, 105,661-square-foot facility will include competition and practice gyms, fitness studios, classrooms, athletics offices, team locker rooms, outdoor fitness areas, and a multipurpose field, bringing together academics, athletics, and health-focused programming in one destination.



Rendering of Kinesiology, Wellness, Athletic Center Interior

At **Los Angeles Harbor College**, existing athletic facilities already serve as an important gathering place for students, athletes, and the surrounding community. **Future athletics improvements will build upon these established campus assets, enhancing the functionality and long-term performance of the College's athletic fields while expanding opportunities for competition, recreation, and wellness.** Together with projects at LACC and ELAC, these investments demonstrate the District's commitment to creating modern athletic environments that support student success and community engagement.



Harbor College existing fields.

LACCD's athletic fields have served as vibrant hubs for the communities the College's serve, and this investment is all about unlocking their full potential. By converting key fields to high-durability synthetic turf, upgrading sub-surface drainage, and installing advanced sports lighting, **BuildLACCD is paving the way for non-stop action and safely extending play into the evening hours.** This means drastically more time on the field, creating limitless opportunities for student-athletes and local residents alike to play, train, and succeed.

This investment matters because sports possess an unparalleled power to shape lives both on and off the field. **For student-athletes, these top-tier facilities offer a competitive edge and a powerful driver for campus pride, recruitment, and graduation.** Balancing the strict demands of collegiate sports builds core life habits, like

grit, collaborative leadership, and unstoppable determination, which translate directly into university transfers and career success long after they leave LACCD.

Investing in athletic field infrastructure bridges grassroots local play with the inspiration of global sport. **Through Measure LA, BuildLACCD is ensuring that the lasting legacy of the World Cup is a future of elite, high-performance facilities open to all right in our own backyard.**

Building for Resilience: BuildLACCD's Commitment to Seismic Safety under the California Field Act



Recent earthquakes in Venezuela have drawn attention to the importance of resilient infrastructure in seismically active regions. While conditions and regulatory environments

vary globally, such events serve as a practical reminder of why California, and institutions like the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), maintain stringent building standards for public educational facilities.

California's approach to seismic safety in schools is rooted in history. In 1933, the Long Beach earthquake caused widespread damage to school buildings across Southern California, exposing serious deficiencies in construction practices. In response, **the State enacted the Field Act, establishing strict requirements for the design, engineering, and construction of public school facilities.** This fundamentally changed how educational buildings are delivered, requiring qualified architects and engineers, detailed plan review, and continuous inspection.

To implement and enforce these requirements, **the State assigned oversight responsibility to what is now known as the Division of the State Architect (DSA).** Since that time, **DSA has served as the authority responsible for ensuring that Field Act standards are consistently applied.** This system introduced a level of independent verification that remains central to school construction in California today.

This framework is integrated into all BuildLACCD projects. **Each project begins with DSA plan review to confirm that structural and seismic design criteria meet Field Act requirements.** During construction, certified inspectors provide continuous on-site oversight, documenting that materials and workmanship conform to approved plans. At project closeout, DSA certification verifies that the completed facility satisfies all applicable safety standards.

BuildLACCD applies this process across new construction and modernization projects throughout the District's nine colleges. **The result is a portfolio of facilities delivered under a consistent, state-regulated system focused on life safety and structural performance.**

While seismic events such as those recently experienced in Venezuela highlight the consequences of varying building standards, they also underscore the value of



California's long-established framework. **For BuildLACCD, the Field Act and DSA oversight remain foundational elements in delivering facilities that are designed, reviewed, and constructed with seismic resilience as a primary objective.**

For more information on all **BuildLACCD active projects**, please see the following:

- [Active Design Projects Status Report \(as of May 31, 2026\)](#)
- [Active Construction Projects Status report \(as of May 31, 2026\)](#)