

# VOTERS GUIDE

## SPRING ELECTION 1992

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### UCSB/MTD SUPERTICKET BUS PROGRAM

In 1985, UCSB entered into a contract with the Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for the purpose of providing unlimited, local bus service for students at a mandatory fee not to exceed \$5.00 per student per quarter. In Spring 1991, officials at MTD notified the University that they wanted to increase the fee from \$5.00 to \$7.50. At that time, UCSB representatives decided that in addition to the transit fee, other provisions of the contract should be renegotiated as well. In February 1992, after seven months of negotiations, representatives from Associated Students, Graduate Students Association and MTD reached agreement on a new contract which must now be voted upon by the student body. The following outlines the main points of this proposed contract.

#### TRANSIT SYSTEM FEE AND ADULT FARE INDEX

The proposal would raise the current \$5.00 per student per quarter transit fee to \$5.90 per student per quarter for unlimited MTD bus service. The \$5.90 per quarter fee is based on a fare methodology which takes into account UCSB student ridership, the MTD general population fare, and a credit for student transfers. The student transit fee is indexed to the MTD adult fare. This means that should MTD decide to increase their adult fare (currently \$.75), the UCSB student transit fee would be adjusted by the same percentage.

#### BUS ACCESS

In lieu of a regular paid fare, MTD will accept UCSB registration cards with a current quarter validation sticker. For the period of one week prior to the first day of classes, in Winter and Spring quarters, continuing through the end of the second week of classes of that quarter, MTD will also accept a registration card validated for the previous quarter. In any quarter, a UCSB "Temporary ID Card" in conjunction with a photo ID will be accepted by MTD from one week prior to the start of a quarter through the second week of classes for that quarter.

#### SUMMER ACCESS

Students who are registered for Summer Session would now have unlimited ridership with MTD from one week prior to the start of Summer Session to the beginning of Fall Quarter by showing their registration card with the valid Summer Session sticker. For students registered in all four quarters, this results in year-round transportation.

#### CONTRACT REAFFIRMATION

If students pass this initiative, the new contract between UCSB and MTD and the \$5.90 fee assessment will commence Summer Session 1992. The contract shall continue in effect until cancellation by either UCSB or MTD. However, a reaffirmation of this contract and fee by ballot voting will occur every four years.

#### CONTRACT AND BUS SERVICE

The proposed contract between UCSB and MTD does not specify the degree of bus service, e.g., number of bus lines or hours. The contract does state that MTD must notify UCSB of any proposed service changes and hold a public forum at a location convenient to UCSB community. These public forums must be advertised in the *Daily Nexus*.

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

#### UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program Spring Quarter 1992

An agreement between UCSB and Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) has been reached whereby the current \$5.00 per student per quarter mandatory fee would be raised to \$5.90 per student per quarter for unlimited MTD bus use by registered students. If this new agreement is not ratified by students, the current contract with MTD will end June 30, 1992.

Do you approve a \$5.90 per student per quarter mandatory fee (including summer), beginning Summer Session 1992 to fund the UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program? Any fee increase will be indexed to the current MTD adult fare. The contract will be subject to reaffirmation by ballot voting every four years.

Yes

No

NOTE: Ridership for students enrolled in Summer Session will be extended to the beginning of Fall Quarter.

## PRO/CON STATEMENTS

All registered students are invited to submit written statements of support or opposition for publication in the *Daily Nexus*. Pro/Con statements must include the author's name and be submitted to the Campus Activities Center, UCen 3151, by 12noon on Tuesday, April 7, 1992. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15.

## OPEN FORUM

An open forum to discuss the UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program Ballot Proposal will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Storke Plaza.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available for students from the Campus Activities Center, UCen 3151, beginning Tuesday, April 7, through Monday, April 20, 1992.

## POLLING LOCATIONS

**GRADUATE STUDENTS:** polling locations will be in each graduate department and in the Graduate Division Office from Wednesday, April 7 through Wednesday, April 22. The hours will correspond with the office hours for each graduate department except the polls will close at 3:30 p.m. on April 22.

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:** the four polling locations will be by the University Center, the Arbor Mall (Library), the Bus Loop, and Buchanan Hall. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22.

## VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the elections to be considered valid. A sliding scale based on the 5 year average voter turnout (24.53 percent) is used to determine whether an initiative passes. If there is a 20 percent voter turnout, two thirds of those voting must support the measure. If the turnout is 24.53 percent or higher, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass.

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