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# CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

FROM: Dr. Charles E. Chapman, President  
Cuyahoga Community College

SUBJECT: Issue No. 5

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At its monthly meeting on February 9, 1965, the Board of Trustees of Cuyahoga Community College voted to place a five-year 6/10ths mill capital and operating levy (Issue No. 5) on the county ballot, May 4, 1965.

This decision was made after several months of study by the Board of Trustees, College administrators, and the College's architects. The study took into consideration (1) the progress of the College to date, (2) projected educational services and ever-increasing enrollments, (3) an analysis of pledged state assistance, (4) the minimum capital and operating needs of the College, and (5) the most practical and economical method of meeting the financial needs of the College.

It is important that Issue No. 5 be approved. Its failure would do serious harm to our community, as thousands of prospective students would be deprived of educational opportunities, and plans for numerous new educational programs designed to meet the economic and educational needs of the community would have to be cancelled. Failure of Issue No. 5 would make Cuyahoga Community College ineligible for any additional state or federal capital funds at this time.

Passage of Issue No. 5 will make it possible for the College to expand its services to the youth and adults and the business, governmental, and health agencies of Cuyahoga County.

The attached explain in more detail the characteristics and progress of the College to date, and the purposes to which proceeds from Issue No. 5 will be put.

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## CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### REPORT OF PROGRESS AND STATEMENT OF NEEDS

#### Background Development of Cuyahoga Community College

Cuyahoga Community College, Ohio's first public two-year community college, was chartered in December 1962. It was the first public institution in this densely populated area, and the first public college to be chartered in Ohio since 1910.

Due to the need for and interest in the College, the Board of Trustees did not wait for money with which to build a new campus. Instead, instruction was expedited by leasing the old Brownell School, located on E. 14 St., from the Cleveland Board of Education early in 1963. During the late spring and summer of 1963, plans were made, a faculty was employed, a curriculum was developed and equipment was purchased. The College opened its doors to more than 3000 full- and part-time students in September 1963. This was probably the largest freshman class in the history of American higher education.

The opening of the College was made possible by local individual donors, foundations, representatives of business, labor and industry who contributed more than \$350,000 before public funds could be made available to the College. This money was used to renovate and equip Brownell for its new role as a temporary college campus and to defray operating costs. Suburban classes at Brush High School in the South Euclid-Lyndhurst school district and Valley Forge High School in Parma made still more courses available to working adults and others seeking to further education on a part-time basis.

#### Initial Public Financial Support

The first public financial support received by the College was operating money furnished by the state in August 1963. In November 1963 voters of Cuyahoga County had their first opportunity to respond to the needs of the College. They did so by approving a five-year 1/5th mill operating levy. The proceeds from this, plus state support and student tuition, constitute the sources of operating money for the College. In the same election, a state-wide bond issue also won the approval of the voters. From this source, the College is receiving a total of \$4-3/4-million to be applied to its current capital needs.

In April 1964 a taxpayer's suit against the State of Ohio temporarily tied up the state capital money the College was to receive. This forced the Board of Trustees to place an emergency one-year 1/10th mill capital levy on the ballot. Voters approved this levy and the College was able to initiate ten two-year associate degree programs (including mechanical



technology, electrical technology and nursing), accommodate a 100 per cent increase in enrollment, and offer sophomore as well as freshman courses in September 1964.

#### Recent Developments and Financial Needs

Last fall, enrollment at the College expanded to 6500. The College was able to increase its enrollment and services through support by the state and local voters. Suburban classes got under way for part-time students at East Junior High in Maple Heights. Additional temporary space was leased downtown in the Huron Building, located at 626 Huron Rd. Six floors have provided room for more classrooms, increased library services, administrative offices, cafeteria, student activities center and bookstore. The Brownell Building now almost exclusively houses the science and technology laboratories. All of the equipment has been designed and installed so that it will be readily transferable to the modern and permanent campus facility now being planned for the College's 40 acres in the St. Vincent Urban Renewal area. This site has been purchased from the city by the College for \$780,000 --- 1/5th of the land's actual market value. The planned campus -- the much-needed permanent home of the College --- is being designed to accommodate a minimum of 15,000 full- and part-time students. It is contemplated that ground for this campus will be broken this year and the entire facility occupied by September 1967. It is expected that 7000 of these students will be enrolled in technical-occupational programs.

To assist the College in its current building program, the Ohio Board of Regents has announced that state appropriations to the College will total \$12-million. The 1963 bond issue, as stated earlier, provided \$4-3/4-million. Another state-wide bond issue -- May 4, 1965 --- allots the remaining \$7-1/4-million. In that same election, the College will ask the voters to approve a five-year 6/10ths mill levy to raise some \$17-1/2-million for the county's share of building needs and operating costs for the period 1965-1970. More than \$10-million of the levy money would go for the new campus and the remainder would be used for annual operating expenditures to accommodate the total student body of 15,000 referred to earlier.

#### The College's Urgent Need for a Permanent Campus

Each year a larger number and larger proportion of young men and women are required to have and aspire to some form of education beyond high school. This has important implications for Cuyahoga County where the number of 22 year olds increased 33 per cent during the past 18 months and where this year's combined high school graduates will exceed 19,000. The revolutionary aspects of this change are further dramatized by the fact that while there are approximately 18,000 18-24 year olds in college in Cuyahoga County today, there will be 68,500 by 1970. The pressures of this situation are being felt sharply by Cuyahoga Community College and make the need for a permanent campus an urgent one.



Enrollment at the College has now increased to 7100 students. This number will probably increase to 8500 in September. Cuyahoga Community College, now in its fourth semester, is already the 12th largest college in Ohio.

The level of space utilization at the College is perhaps the highest anywhere in Ohio today. All of the College's facilities in the downtown area are used approximately 80 per cent of the time from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday.

The complementary relationship between Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland State University, and the private colleges located in Cuyahoga County will provide unprecedented opportunities for Cuyahogans. The Community College has an important and dynamic role to play. Whether it will play this role is dependent upon approval of the Ohio capital improvements bond, Issue No. 2 on the state ballot, and the College's 6/10ths mill levy, Issue No. 5 on the county ballot --- both scheduled on May 4, 1965.

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April 8, 1965

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to thank you for your willingness to serve as a member of the Citizens Committee in support of Issue 5. So that you may know the details of this program, I am enclosing a fact sheet and a slightly more detailed statement.

I will be in touch with you in the next day or so regarding a meeting of the committee. If in the meantime you have questions regarding Issue 5, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Chapman  
President

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**CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVY  
ISSUE #5**

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**ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE  
CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVY ISSUE #5 ON THE COUNTY BALLOT, MAY 4**

**Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ISSUE #5?**

- A. It will make available Cuyahoga County tax funds with which to match state and federal funds for the purpose of building and operating Cuyahoga Community College's first permanent facility.

**Q. WILL THE COLLEGE RECEIVE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS IF ISSUE #5 FAILS?**

- A. No. Issue #5 must be approved by the voters of the county for the College to receive the \$12 million promised by the state. The College has no other source of capital funds. Failure of Issue #5 will also require the College to cancel plans for new programs and will reduce by thousands the number of students the College will be able to accommodate.

**Q. HOW MUCH WILL THIS LEVY COST THE AVERAGE HOME OWNER?**

- A. Based on the \$5,000 average assessed valuation, Issue #5 will cost the average home owner \$3 per year for a period of five years.

**Q. WHY DOES CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEED ITS OWN CAMPUS?**

- A. Cuyahoga Community College opened its doors in September 1963 to more than 3,000 students who came from all parts of Cuyahoga County. In September 1964 the enrollment reached 6,500; this spring it approximates 7,000 students. With freshman applications running 100 per cent ahead of last year's at this time, it is expected that 8,500 students will want to attend the College this fall.

Present leased facilities consist of two buildings in downtown Cleveland, located several blocks apart. One is an 81-year-old elementary school building; the other is a 45-year-old office building. It is not possible to develop a full college program in these facilities.

**Q. WHERE WILL THE CAMPUS BE BUILT?**

- A. The College owns 40 acres in the downtown Cleveland St. Vincent area. This location is adjacent to the innerbelt and the new municipal parking lot that is served by loop buses.

**Q. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE NEW CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY?**

- A. Both are institutions of higher learning and will complement each other. The unique feature of Cuyahoga Community College lies in the breadth of its educational services. Graduates of the College's two-year associate degree technical-occupational programs will go directly into full-time employment as semi-professionals. Graduates of its university parallel programs may transfer to Cleveland State University and other four-year colleges and universities of their choice.

Adults who desire training, retraining, and upgrading educational opportunities at times and places convenient to them constitute a large proportion of the student body at Cuyahoga Community College.

Both institutions will be crowded beyond capacity to accommodate the ever-increasing number and proportion of high school graduates planning to attend college.

It is predicted that the number of 18-to 21-year-olds attending college in Cuyahoga County will increase from the present 18,000 to an approximate 60,000 by 1970!

**CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.  
VOTE FOR COUNTY ISSUE #5 AND STATE ISSUE #2 ON MAY 4.**