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*Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure V - Monterey Peninsula Community College District Affordable Higher Education Measure*

This bond has nothing to do with affordable education! It is strictly a facilities bond for repairs and new construction. None of it needs to be done right now.

The argument in favor defies common sense. We are in the middle of the worst public health crisis in our nation’s history as well as the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. Each and every one of us is feeling its impact yet they want you to pay more in taxes.

Can the bond and the resulting tax to you be postponed? Of course, this bond is not critical to the current operations of MPC. $230 million dollars, which when you add in interest is a whopping $451,000,000! Almost a half Billion dollars, we the taxpayers will have to pay.

MPC’s last bond has another 20 years to go. This one is another 35 years on top of that added to your taxes, your grandchildren will be paying it off.

Did you lose your job, your business and are facing eviction or foreclosure? Can you afford hundreds of dollars in additional taxes?

Vote NO on Measure V. Vote NO! on new taxes, don’t force people into being homeless.