## Argument in Favor of Measure V

## Vote YES on V to provide students with access to high-quality, affordable education and career training at Monterey Peninsula College.

As the cost of attending the University of California and Cal State systems has become so expensive, more students are starting their education at community colleges.

Measure V ensures local students, including lower- and middle-income students who can't afford the high price of a university, have access to affordable, quality education here in our community.

Monterey Peninsula College is more important than ever in these challenging times, especially since 50% of local high school graduates rely on MPC for higher education and career preparation.

While Monterey Peninsula College has served us well for over 70 years, several buildings have asbestos, lead pipes and don't meet earthquake safety standards. Measure V fixes these safety hazards and makes essential improvements to our college.

YES on V ensures Monterey Peninsula College remains a vital community and economic resource that educates the nurses, firefighters and first responders who serve our medical needs and keep us safe, and the skilled workers who fuel our economy.

## Vote YES on V:

- Repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical systems and dry rotted beams
- Remove hazardous materials, such as asbestos and lead pipes, from older buildings
- Update computer systems and instructional technology
- Upgrade classrooms and career training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math, computer science, first responder training, healthcare and nursing
- Upgrade classrooms and labs to help students complete the first two years of college affordably and transfer to Cal State or UC systems
- Make computer and technology upgrades so students can take classes, listen to lectures and complete assignments online

## **Clear System of Fiscal Accountability**

- Measure V stays local to support our students it can't be taken by the State
- A project list, Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits are required
- No funds can be spent on administrators' salaries

Join us: vote YES on V! Signers

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