

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "G"

As our community college, Mt. San Jacinto College provides local students:

- **Access to quality, affordable higher education and job training programs they might not otherwise receive.**
- **Opportunities to successfully transfer to four-year universities.**
- **Entrance/re-entrance into the local workforce in high-skilled, well-paying jobs.**

Today, Mt. San Jacinto College is a crucial resource for more than 15,000 students and enrollment is projected to triple to over 50,000 within twenty years. Students graduating from highly-regarded programs in nursing, public health and safety, and law enforcement continue to live and work in our communities, improving quality of life for all.

College facilities have been well-maintained and State money wisely used to construct and improve classrooms and labs. However, the need to repair and renovate aging buildings and the demand for additional academic and job-training classrooms is now crucial. We cannot rely on state money to meet our community college's critical facilities and maintenance needs.

Voting YES on Measure "G" will better prepare students for success in the workforce and transfer to four-year colleges by:

- **Repairing existing classrooms/buildings, removing asbestos, upgrading inadequate plumbing/electrical systems, improving energy efficiency;**
- **Increasing classrooms, labs, training facilities for nursing, emergency medical, public health, safety, technology programs;**
- **Improving campus safety, security, lighting.**

A comprehensive, fiscally-responsible facilities improvement plan has been developed. **Measure "G"** will provide funds to implement the plan and increase the college's ability to receive tens of millions in additional state monies (our tax dollars) to benefit our community college. Without **Measure "G,"** state funds will likely go to other community colleges.

Measure "G" funds remain in our community and can only be used to improve college facilities, NOT for administrator salaries. Independent citizen oversight and annual financial audits will ensure bonds are spent properly and efficiently.

We respectfully urge your YES vote for Measure "G."

Signed:

Kay Cenicerros,
Educator/Former Riverside County Supervisor

Bob Doyle,
Riverside County Sheriff

Don Domenigoni,
Agricultural Biologist, County Agricultural Commission/Farmer

Chuck Washington,
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Temecula/Banker/Retired Pilot

Bob Little,
Local Business Owner, Community Business Leader

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "G"

MSJC is not making efficient use of current facilities. Due to an enrollment decline of 250 full time students less than last year, the College has forfeited \$3.5 Million Dollars of state funded growth allocation this year alone; and this after missing enrollment targets in 4 of the last 5 previous years, losing roughly \$5 Million Dollars of available state funding during that period. Despite these performance shortfalls, MSJC refuses to modify its enrollment policies in order to accommodate more students.

At \$720 Million Dollars, Measure "G" is the largest local bond ever proposed in Riverside County. In comparison, neighboring Riverside Community College, a district three times our size, which consistently makes its enrollment targets, recently proposed a relatively moderate \$320 Million Dollar bond. Should we be asked to foot over twice the bill for one-third the services our neighbors receive for a community college that fails to meet minimal performance standards?

If there's one lesson we've learned in California, it's that throwing money at educational institutions never solves budget problems. Handing a check for \$720,000,000.00 to MSJC would probably only encourage more administrative inefficiency than we already have. Perhaps MSJC should follow the example of neighboring RCC by offering a full slate of Friday classes, weekend fast tracks, two summer sessions, and a winter intersession. Additionally, maybe MSJC should offer satellite courses at high schools throughout the entire District as it has previously done. But until the College adequately addresses its underperformance issues, please vote NO on bonds.

Steve Beutz, Voter and Taxpayer

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The Mt. San Jacinto Community College Board of Trustees approved this Ballot Measure on a 4-1 vote, with the dissenting Trustee claiming she could not support the bond proposal because she feels the District needs to use state funding more efficiently and maximize the facilities it already has. Nevertheless, the Community College now seeks nearly three-quarters of a Billion dollars of General Obligation Bonds, the payment of which would come from increases in our property taxes. The cities of Murrieta and Hemet have also placed bond measures on the June ballot, and if you haven't heard, the Governor's California Recovery Plan is calling for a number of Massive Statewide bond measures for the upcoming November elections as well. As we are about to be literally drowning in bonded indebtedness, a measure such as this, where even the Trustees themselves cannot reach a consensus that the bonds are even in fact needed at this time, should be put off at least until the Community College has efficiently employed the resources it already has at its disposal. Please vote NO on this untimely and largely excessive bond measure. Sincerely, Steve Beutz, Voter and Taxpayer.

By: Steven Beutz

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Repairing and improving instructional facilities at Mt. San Jacinto College is essential to provide the strong K-14 educational system for our growing region. Local students and residents rely on the availability of affordable, quality job training and higher education programs offered by Mt. San Jacinto College.

Successful programs in nursing, healthcare, and public safety train students for skilled, high wage jobs, which are critically important for our community. Due to the dramatic growth in our region, college facilities can no longer keep pace with demand for these and other crucial programs and projected enrollment needs will only worsen this situation.

Mt. San Jacinto College has a proven track record of prudent fiscal management. Measure “G” is the first time in more than 40 years that Mt. San Jacinto College has asked its community to support local bonds.

The college has aggressively secured state funds (our tax dollars) to improve college facilities by adding science classrooms/labs, re-roofing buildings, and implementing energy efficiency measures. Future state money is uncertain and, if available, will go first to college districts able to provide local matching funds. **A YES vote for Measure “G” means our tax dollars remain in our community to benefit our students.**

By law, Measure “G” funds:

- Cannot be used for administrator salaries,
- Are subject to independent audit,
- Are overseen by an independent citizens oversight committee.

Please join the broad coalition of local firefighters, nurses, police officers, teachers, taxpayers, students, parents, and business leaders in voting **YES on MEASURE “G”**.

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