Dear Community Member,

On July 12, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place Measure X—a local $748,000,000 education bond—on the November 2016 ballot.

If enacted by voters, Measure X will repair and upgrade San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College campuses and classrooms, including updating labs for nursing, science, technology, and engineering fields; expanding educational resources for veterans; improving campus safety and security; and removing asbestos and lead paint, among other priorities.

Our colleges provide essential job training for students, veterans, and local residents—successfully preparing them to become part of our local workforce. If enacted by voters, Measure X provides access to up-to-date technology and training facilities and programs which allow students to find better-paying jobs in business, biotechnology, nursing, engineering, and other high-demand careers.

Many people don’t know that the cost to attend California’s public universities has risen to six times that of attending community college. As a result, South Bay students and their families rely on our colleges more than ever to save tens of thousands of dollars in education costs.

The Measure X proposal assists our colleges in fulfilling a long-term vision of expanding the excellent training we provide to prepare students for transfer to the University of California and the California State University system to complete their Bachelor’s degrees.

If enacted, Measure X costs approximately $18.95 per $100,000 of assessed—not market--valuation per year. All funds are required to be spent on projects that benefit the San Jose Evergreen Community College District and its colleges, including facilities that need to be constructed, renovated, acquired, and equipped. The bond funds cannot be used for administrator salaries.

As always, thank you for your interest and support in our academic vision.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Deborah Budd, Ed.D.