

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G**

Due to severe state budget cuts, UC and CSU are drastically reducing enrollment and raising tuition, making higher education inaccessible and unaffordable for thousands of college-ready San Mateo County students.

College of San Mateo, Cañada College and Skyline College provide the only option for many local students to continue their education and prepare for four-year universities or careers.

Recent state cuts exceeding \$25 million to San Mateo Community College District have forced significant reductions in faculty, staff and classes. Currently, 14,000 San Mateo County students are on wait-lists and cannot get the classes they need.

MEASURE G will provide funding the state government cannot take away and expand access to affordable, quality education for our local students.

Measure G:

- Protects job-training programs for careers in nursing, healthcare, computers, technology, sciences, police and fire;
- Maintains core academics such as reading, writing, and math;
- Keeps libraries open and maintains library services;
- Prepares students to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities;
- Helps retain qualified instructors;
- Provides modern classroom technology and computer labs for students;
- Provides equipment and technology for science labs; and
- Restores funding to offer an adequate number of classes and labs to meet growing student demand.
- Provides additional classes for wait-listed students right away.

Measure G also contains important taxpayer protection provisions:

By law, NO MONEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES OR ADMINISTRATION.

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE with yearly reports to the community that ensure the funds are spent as promised.

A SENIOR EXEMPTION protects those on fixed incomes.

NO MONEY GOES TO THE STATE -- every penny will benefit the College of San Mateo, Cañada College and Skyline College.

Please support our local community college students and join a bipartisan coalition to VOTE YES ON MEASURE G.

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