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## Invest In Success - Vote Yes on Measure 26-170 Bond

 for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)MHCC has made our communily a belter place to live, work, and raise a family for the last 50 years. MHCC has served hundreds of thousands of students, glving them the essentlal skllls they need to find good paying jobs in our community.

Through its job training programs, MHCC attracts more businesses to the area and is essential to an economy that works for everyone.

Yet MHCC hasn't had a capital bond In more than 40 years and our job tralning facilitles are outdated and need serlous repalr. There are rusting and leaking water pipes, leaky roofs and damaged ceiling tiles causing mold, and asbestos that should be removed in order to ensure student and staff satety.

Many of our job training and lab facilities are outdated and can no longer provide students with the modern job skills that local employers need. As a result, reglonal employers report that hundreds of jobs are not belng filled by local residents because they lack experience with the current technology used In the marketplace.

With this bond we will construct a Workforce and Applled Technology Center with laboratories and classrooms expanding MHCC's ability to provide modern job training for good-paying careers in electronics, construction management, automotive, veterinary, manufacturing, health care, and computer information systems.

Our Maywood Park Campus will be renovated and designed to meet employer demand for entry level and existing worker tralning opportunitles in the Parkrose and Gateway communitiesthe largest industrial area in our region.

The bond Includes bullt-In accountablilty mechanisms such as independent auditing and cilizen oversight specifically designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efliciently.

Please join Members of the MHCC Board in Voting Yes on 26-170.
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## Mt. Hood Community College Provides Opportunity for All

Like many of you, my history with MHCC goes back decades: back to when I was the parent of young children and a member of the Parkrose School Board.

Even then, MHCC was providing local high school students and displaced workers with the training and skills they needed to land a good paying job or start their own business.

MHCC has always had pathways for students of all abliftes. My son Mike was diagnosed wilh autism in the early 1960s. At that time there weren't resources or special programs for students like Mike. But MHCC always saw who he really was, who he could become, and helped him succeed.

Over the last 50 years MHCC has helped hundreds of thousands of people of all abliltles make a better IIfe for themselves and their familles.

MHCC continues to be where our community comes to learn the skills they need to be competlitive for good-paying jobs or to get the new training their employer needs to keep up in today's marketplace.

Both my husband, the late Senator Frank Roberts, and I were elected to the MHCC board. We served in these volunteer positions because we saw the positive impact MHCC had on the local community through workforce training programs and degree programs that helped people get better jobs and attracted new business to the area.

The initial investment in MHCC has long been paid off, and returned to us many times over. Now it's time to reinvest for the next 50 years. At a cost of only a few dollars a month, I can't Imagine a wiser investment In our community and our future.

Governor Barbara Roberts
Parkrose School Board 1972-1982
MHCC Board 1978-1982

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## Local Employers See Mt. Hood Communlty College

 as a Smart Financlal Investment- Investing in MHCC Is a smart financlal move. For every $\$ 1$ invested in a communily college, the local economy receives over $\$ 4$ in economic benefit.
- More people will benefit from employers' tuition relmbursement programs. Expanded course offerings and flexible evening and weekend scheduling will allow employees to take advantage of tuition reimbursement benefits.
- MHCC will recelve 8 million dollars $\ln$ matching funds. This bond allows MHCC to receive $\$ 8,000,000$ dollars in state matching funds that would otherwise go elsewhere.
- Updating technology and Infrastructure will save money. Improvements to MHCC fike using solar energy and weather proofing will result in significant cost savings.
- The Investment in MHCC Is accountable, with oversight and Independent audits. MHCC has clearly outlined the programs and purposes this bond will support. All expenditures under this bond will be subject to public accountability measures, audits and citizen review.

Employers In our community need a robust MHCC to provide contlnuing education and tralning in the latest technologies to stay competitive and continue adding jobs to the local economy.

- Our communliy's largest employers support constructing a new Workforce and Applled Technology Center in Gresham.
- Updated and expanded MHCC tralning facilities in Maywood Park are a win-win for students and employers. Students gain an education focused on the same technologies and tools being used in the industry today. Employers benefit from graduates ready to hit the ground running.
- Greater capacity at MHCC is critical for part-time and mid-career students. Current space and resource limitations mean MHCC cannot offer the full array of continuing education and lechnology specific classes needed by part-time students seeking to advance in their career.

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-170

Brian Lessler, PDG Consiruction Services, Inc.

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Measure 26-170 Is Critical to Keeping Mt. Hood
Community College and our Communlty Safe
Law enforcement officers and emergency first responders know the absolute value of investing in satety and security.

For students to succeed and reach their full potential, first and foremost - they need secure learning environments, sate buildings, and adequate classroom space.

That is why we urge you to vote YES for Measure 26-170.
Over its 50 year history, MHCC has served over 1 million students and community members.

Our campus was bullt to serve $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ students and we now serve over 25,000 every year, putting additional strain on buildings already in need of renovation and repair.

Many critlcal repalrs and malntenance Items simply cannot walt for the next natural disaster or tragedy to strike.

Measure 26-170 will allow MHCC to Increase safety by replacing rusting and leaking water plpes, leaky roots and damaged ceiling tiles that lead to mold.

It will also fund technology and improvements that help MHCC lock down lts bulldings in case of an active shooter or other imminent danger to students and staff.

MHCC has been a beacon of hope in our community, providing a path to prosperity for 50 years. It is one of the key reasons we have attracted and maintained the loyalty of the businesses and industries that fuel our local economy.

It's time to Invest in the safety and security of MHCC for the next 50 years.

And the bond Includes bullt-In accountabillity mechanlsms such as independent auditing and citizen oversight specifically designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

Let's work together to make sure we safeguard our communlty's greatest treasure: its residents.

Stand United with Us - Vote YES for Measure 26-170.
Erick Flores, Parkrose School Board
State Representative Carla Piluso
Marilyn Pitts, PFTA President
Fred Sanchez, Friends of MHCC

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## MHCC is an Accountable Investment that

Creates Good Paying Jobs
I am an MHCC graduate and current board member. Because of MHCC's strong programs in applied health care, I'm a nurse with a good job and a secure future.

## MHCC Needs New Infrastructure, Technology, Classroom Space

Il's been years since we've been able to upgrade our technology. Students often have to share equipment in the laboratory classes, and there is not enough space to accommodate all of the students.

With this bond we can create a Workforce and Applied Technology Center in Gresham, and our Maywood Park Campus will be rebuilt and designed to meet demand for entry level and existing worker training opportunities in the Parkrose and Gateway communities-the largest industrial area in our region.

## MHCC's Hands-On Programs Lead to High PayIng Jobs

Students in our career training programs leave school with little or no debt and a direct path to a job that will support a tamily.

In the applied health program for example, MHCC students can quickly get the credentlals they need to become a Licensed Professlonal Nurse, with an average starting salary of $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 , 0 0 0}$.

And then they can return for additional training to become a Reglstered Nurse, with an average starting salary of over $\$ 80,000$ here In Oregon.

Jobs like these allow people to raise their families, save towards retirement, and have rewarding careers.

The average homeowner will pay just a few dollars a month to support this bond, and it is an accountable investment that will bring returns to our community for decades to come. Please join me in voting yes.

Vote YES on the Mt. Hood Community College Bond
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Tamie Arnold, MHCC Board Member

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## Mt. Hood Communlty College (MHCC) Prepared Me for Success

When I graduated from high school in 1981 I knew I wanted to work in fitm and television. It was before the internet, so I went to my local library and slatted looking up colleges and I found MHCC.

MHCC taught me the skills I needed to succeed in a very compettive Industry. I learned how to be an entrepreneur and technician, with the knowledge and skills to make my own shows and films.

Nearly 30 years later, l'm an award winning producer of the television show Portlandla, and almost every day I stlll use something I first learned at MHCC. Il's no coincidence that I often find MHCC graduates on my crews, as MHCC crew members are better trained and experienced in the latest technology. They move up the ranks faster than their peers, getting themselves on a career track with good paying jobs offerlng full beneflts and solld futures

MHCC has given hundreds of thousands of local residents a path to great careers. Now it's time for us to reinvest in MHCC.

This bond is an accountable Investment that will boost our economy and create jobs by ensuring access to state of the art workforce training facilities that meet the needs of local employers like me.

Most of MHCC's buildings are over 40 years old and overcrowded, with classes crammed into every nook and cranny. This bond wlll pay for necessary repalrs and upgrades as well as create additlonal space to ease overcrowding so MHCC can offer high quality job tralning to every student that applles.

Area employers report that hundreds of jobs are not being filled by local residents because they lack the skills and training. Thls bond will help change that by ensuring that students get the tralning they need to land good paylng jobs.

Please joln me In voting Yes for Measure 26-170

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## Close the Skllls Gap by Voting Yes on 26-170

## the Bond for Mt. Hood Communlty College (MHCC)

Over the next 10 years 3.5 million manulacturing jobs will open up in the United States. Thirty thousand of those jobs are In our reglon.

There aren't enough skilled workers to meet the demand from local employers. Currently $\mathbf{6}$ out of 10 jobs in manufacturing go unflled. This is bad for local workers, local industry, and bad for our local economy.

Measure 26-170 WIII Help Close the Skills Gap
This bond will construct a new state of the art job training faclity on MHCC's maln campus, and a new Maywood Park center to help East County workers find long-term jobs with wages that support families by educating them to meet the needs of $21^{\text {st }}$ Century employers such as KCR Manufacturing in Wood Village, Oregon.

The MHCC bond will not only expand educatlonal opportunitles and make workers job ready, It will help to expand our local economy.
$\mathbf{\$ 6 7 , 3 0 8}$ Is the average salary in manufacturing and there is a $95 \%$ placement rate for students completing a 1, 2, or 4 -year manufacturing program like the ones offered at MHCC.

Students from around the region will be drawn to the new workforce training center bringing with them resources to support area businesses.

Manufacturing Jobs Help our Economy Grow

- Every $\$ 1.00$ dollar spent on manufacturing generates $\$ 1.37$ dollars in economic activily.
- Every 100 new manufacturing jobs create an additional 250 jobs in the community.

KCR is a manufacturer that looks forward to partnering with Mt. Hood Community College's new Manufacturing Skills Center.

We encourage you to help us close the skllls gap and Improve our area's economy by jolning us in voting YES on Measure 26-170 for MHCC.

## Chris Holden,

Owner KCR Manulacturing
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## Vote YES on Measure 26-170 - Bond for MI. Hood Community College (MHCC)

We are retired residents who care deeply about the strenglh and future of our community and MHCC. A strong MHCC is critical for the strength and vitality of our communily.

Investing In MHCC is a smart flnanclal move for all of us. For every \$1 invested in a community college, the local economy receives over \$4 in economic benefit.

A Stronger Local Economy Increases the Value of our Property by sustaining our businesses and attracting new residents and growth to the community.

## We all Beneflt wilth Improved Access to Education and Training

Practical training at MHCC means good payIng jobs and solld careers for today's sfudents. As we settle into retirement, we will be counting on the younger generations to drive the local economy.

Resldents of all ages beneflt from MHCC - students ranging in age from 16 to 85 take enriching classes from Tai Chi to Computing, and take advantage of campus resources, libraries, aquatic and fitness centers.

## The MHCC Bond Is a Reasonable

 and Accountable Investment in the CommunityIn addiftion to Independent auditing, there will be a citizen oversight committees designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

The actual cost to local homeowners is low. Homeowners will pay an additional . 30 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. A home assessed at $\$ 200,000$ will pay $\$ 60$ a year, or $\$ 5$ per month.

As retirees, we are generally wary of new taxes at this point in our life because most of us live on tixed incomes. Yet, we will vote YES on the Mt. Hood Communlty College (MHCC) Bond and urge you to joln us.
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Hiroshi Morihara
Beverly Russell

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## Mt. Hood Communlty College is an Accountable Investment with High Returns for the Entire Community

- Investing In MHCC Is a smart financlal move for all of us. MHCC students, staff, and alumni added $\$ 752$ million in income to our economy, which supported nearly 12,000 local jobs in 2015.
- MHCC will recelve 8 million dollars $\ln$ matching funds. This bond will allow the college to pay off its existing debt while taking advantage of $\$ 8,000,000$ dollars in cost-free state matching funds. These 8 million dollars would otherwise be forteited.
- The actual cost to local homeowners is low. Homeowners will pay an additional . 30 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. A home assessed at $\$ 200,000$ will pay $\$ 60$ a year, or $\$ 5$ per month.
- Investment In MHCC allows thousands to get an affordable education. MHCC allows its $28,000+$ students to continue getting an education while juggling full time jobs, families, and other responsibilities without taking on massive student debt burdens.

Local small businesses need employees with practical tralning, technical skills and resourcefuiness demanded by today's dynamic marketplace.

## A Strong MHCC Is Key to a Robust Workforce for Local Business

A revilalized MHCC means a strong workforce for decades to come a trained, ready to work supply of employees for local small businesses, the engine of the area's economy.

- MHCC's cooperative education Is a win-win for students and local businesses. Students gain on-the-job experiences being matched with local businesses in their areas of study
- Businesses galn the vital perspective and energy of students tralned In the latest technology and practical skills. A revilalized MHCC can provide small businesses with a vital boost


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