

April 16, 2018

The Honorable Bill Monning
California State Senate District 17
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Community College Capital Outlay Budget Proposal -- Request to Fund All Projects
Approved by California Community Colleges Board of Governors**

Dear Senator Monning:

On behalf of the Monterey Peninsula Community College District (MPC), I am writing to urge your support to fund all 15 new community college capital outlay projects approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and recommended by the Chancellor's Office for funding in the 2018-19 Budget Act. Our district has an approved project that is awaiting state funds from Proposition 51, which provides \$2 billion for community colleges. The total cost to fund preliminary plans and working drawings for all 15 projects in FY 2018-19 is less than \$20 million.

The Governor's budget proposes to fund only five of the 15 new community college projects in 2018-19, and MPC's project to construct public safety training facilities at the former Fort Ord is not one of these five. Our project was approved by the Board of Governors for funding in 2017-18 but was not included in the Budget Act last year. However, the Chancellor's Office performed an in-depth analysis of facilities needs and again identified MPC's project as a top priority for the California Community Colleges system in 2018-19.

MPC's project would construct essential training facilities for our public safety officer programs, including an emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC), firing ranges, and a multi-story burn building. The project, currently estimated at \$17,906,000 has been approved by the Chancellor's Office for a 50% state funding match of approximately \$9,016,000, with MPC providing \$8,890,000. This state match is critical for completion of this project as MPC only has sufficient funds to meet the local match requirement. The project is a campus completion project, and these facilities will enable the college to meet the basic training needs of students entering law enforcement, fire technology or emergency responder careers as well as provide a venue for the ongoing training needs of thousands of professionals in the region already working in these fields. These facilities will provide educational opportunity for our students and meet local employment demand for trained public safety officers. In addition, this training center will be located on the former Fort Ord and realization of this facility will contribute to the economic development and reuse of the base, a critically important regional effort.

We are concerned that further delays in providing state capital outlay funding for our project will have negative effects on MPC's public safety training program. Currently, the college lacks these particular facilities and training must be scheduled at various locations off-site. Often, our students must travel long distances, sometimes outside the region, to access adequate facilities for this training. Also, the facilities currently used are becoming impacted or will become unavailable in the near future for college use. For example, our police academy students, through the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, currently complete their emergency vehicle operations training using a temporary street grid set up at the Marina airport. Continued access to the airport is not guaranteed as non-aeronautical uses may be restricted in the future. Academies spend an average of 40 hours per student on driver training; thus, an emergency vehicle operations course is a critical facility for our program.

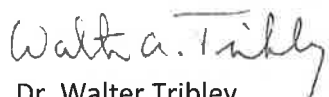
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We request you support the Chancellor's Office's office recommendation to fund all 15 of the approved facility projects, including MPC's public safety training center facilities, in the 2018-19 budget.

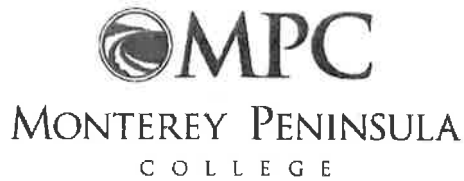
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Walter Tribley
Superintendent/President
Monterey Peninsula Community College District

cc: The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Michael Houlemard, Executive Officer, Fort Ord Reuse Authority



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California State Assembly District 29
State Capitol, Room 3146
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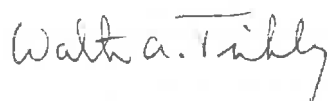
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cc: The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
Michael Houlemard, Executive Officer, Fort Ord Reuse Authority



May 8, 2018

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tempore
State Capitol Building, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95864

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Assembly Speaker
State Capitol Building, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95864

**RE: Community College Capital Outlay Budget Proposal
Request to Fund All Projects Approved by CCC Board of Governors**

Dear Senator Atkins and Assembly Member Redon:

On behalf of Monterey Peninsula Community College District, I am writing to urge you to fund all 14 new community college capital outlay projects recommended by the Chancellor's Office for funding in the 2018-19 Budget Act. We believe it is in the best interest of the community college system as a whole to accept the Chancellor's Office analysis and determination of state priorities for college facilities.

Community college capital outlay projects are funded by general obligation bonds. Voters approved Proposition 51 in November 2016, providing \$2 billion for "construction, renovation, reconstruction, and equipping of facilities" for community colleges. The Governor's budget proposes to fund only six of the new 14 new community college projects approved by the Board of Governors (BOG) and recommended by the Chancellor's Office for funding in 2018-19. The Administration has indicated that their proposal supports projects with a life-safety focus.

The Administration's approach is contrary to the BOG policy priorities for the community college capital outlay system, which aim to expand campuses to meet enrollment demands, modernize aging facilities, meet space utilization standards in state regulations, and leverage state funds with local funds to provide facilities at the least cost to the state. The BOG policy prioritizes health and safety projects, but also provides funding for projects that will help expand access and support student success.

Historically, the Chancellor's Office has performed the role of evaluating the system's top capital priorities, utilizing detailed information regarding the condition, management, construction, and repair of facilities, assisted by the FUSION data reporting system. This data allows the Chancellor's Office to perform an extensive evaluation of project proposals and advise the Board of Governors on the best allocation of limited available state resources to support the state's higher education goals.

The demand for community college facilities funding far outweighs the available dollars. The 2017 State Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan identifies \$29.9 billion in needs for community college facilities over the next five years. The costs of delay far exceed any perceived benefits. Rising construction costs will reduce purchasing power, and rising interest rates will increase the cost of debt service payments. Colleges are not permitted to commence construction on state-funded projects until they receive

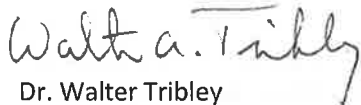
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authorization in the state budget. Ongoing delay for this round of projects creates uncertainty for additional projects competing in future funding rounds, making it difficult for all colleges to appropriately plan both their state-funded and locally-funded projects.

The total cost to fund the first two phases, preliminary plans and working drawings, for all 14 new projects is less than \$20 million in FY 2018-19, and total costs through construction are approximately \$269 million, about 13% of available Proposition 51 bond funds. The 14 projects represent the system's highest priorities, and we urge you not to select winners and losers from that list. We ask you to preserve the community college's successful capital outlay program and fund all 14 projects in the 2018-19 state budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Kimberly Rodriguez, Office of the Senate President Pro Tempore
Monica Henestroza, Office of the Speaker