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Invest in jobs - Vote Yes on Measure 26-190 Bond for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)

MHCC has made our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family for the last 50 years. MHCC has served more than one million students, giving them the essential skills 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Yet MHCC hasn't had a capital bond in more than 40 years and our job training facilities are outdated and need serious repair. The initial investment in MHCC has long been paid off, and returned to us many times over. Now it is time to reinvest for the next 50 years. At a cost of only a few dollars a month, we can't imagine a wiser investment in our community and our future.

Many of our job training and lab facilities are outdated and can no longer provide students with the modern job skills that local employers need.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, regional employers report that hundreds of jobs are not being 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 Applied Technology Center with laboratories and classrooms expanding MHCC's ability to provide modern job training for good-paying careers in electronics, construction management, automotive, manufacturing, health care, and computer information systems.

The bond includes built-in accountability mechanisms such as independent auditing and citizen oversight specifically designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

Please join Members of the MHCC Board of Education in Voting Yes on 26-190.

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Local Employers See Mt. Hood Community College as a Smart Financial Investment

- **Investing in MHCC is a smart financial move.** For every \$1 invested in a community college, the local economy receives over \$4 in economic benefit.
- MHCC will receive 8 million dollars in matching funds. This bond allows MHCC to receive \$8,000,000 in state matching funds that would otherwise go elsewhere.
- Updating technology and infrastructure will save money. Improvements to MHCC like 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 continuing education and training in the latest technologies to stay competitive and continue adding jobs to the local economy.

Our community's largest employers support construction a new Workforce and Applied Technology Center in Gresham. Greater capacity at MHCC is critical for part-time and mid-career students. Current space an resource limitations mean MHCC cannot offer the full array of continuing education and technology-specific classes needed by part-time students seeking to advance in their career

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-190

Lynn Snodgrass, CEO, Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Jarvez Hall, Executive Director, East Metro Economic Alliance Hiroshi Morihara, President, HM3 Energy Douglas Lee Walker, Walker Travel Ken C. Cornelison, General Manager, Gresham Toyota Eric Johnston, business owner Chris Holden, owner, KCR Manufacturing

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Measure 26-190 Will Improve Safety

Law enforcement officers and emergency first responders know the absolute value of investing in safety and security. That is why we urge you to vote YES for Measure 16-190.

Over its 50 years history, MHCC has served over 1 million students and community members. Many critical safety updates simply cannot wait for the next natural disaster or tragedy to strike.

Measure 26-190 will fund technology and improvements that will help MHCC lock down its buildings in case of an active shooter or other imminent danger to students and staff. Measure 26-190 will also improve seismic safety on campus.

It is time to invest in the safety and security of MHCC for the next 50 years. And the bond includes built-in accountability mechanisms such as independent auditing and citizen oversight specifically designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

Stand United with Us - Vote YES for Measure 26-190

Marilyn Pitts, President, MHCC Part-time Faculty & Tutor Association Tambi Boyle, President, MHCC Faculty Association Corey Huston, President, MHCC Classified Employees Association Angela McKenzie Tucker, Mt. Hood Community College Foundation

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Measure 26-190 will save students and parents money.

Students who enrolled in the dual credit program at Mt. Hood Community College in the 2015-2016 academic year collectively earned 27,157 college credits while attending their local high schools. At \$96 per college credit hour, they collectively saved \$2.6 million dollars in tuition. Imagine even more savings in an MHCC technology program that prepares them for higher paying jobs!

Students who are enrolled in our dual credit high school program will be able to go directly into technology programs at MHCC and finish school very quickly and be eligible for a job.

Our new Workforce and Applied Technology Center will equip our students with 21st century skills which will make them well sought after employees in the workforce. A dual credit program will give them an early start on getting the necessary training for high paying jobs.

We urge you to join us in voting YES for the MHCC Bond

Senator Rod Monroe Representative Carla C. Piluso Representative Jeff Reardon Kyle Riggs, Chair, David Douglas School District Board of Education

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Close the Skills Gap by Voting YES on 26-190, the Bond for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)

Over the next 10 years, 3.5 million manufacturing jobs will open up in the United States. **Thirty thousand of those jobs are in our region.** There aren't enough skilled workers to meet the demand from local employers. Currently 6 out of 10 jobs in manufacturing go unfilled.

Measure 26-190 Will Help Close the Skills Gap

This bond will construct a new state of the art job training facility on MHCC's main campus to help East County workers find long-term jobs with wages that support families by educating them to meet the needs of 21st Century employers.

The MHCC bond will not only expand educational opportunities and make workers job ready, it will help to expand our local economy. The average salary in manufacturing is \$67,308 and there is a 95% placement rate for students completing a 1, 2, or 4 year manufacturing program like the ones offered at MHCC.

Manufacturing jobs help our economy grow. Every \$1.00 spent on manufacturing generates \$1.37 dollars in economic activity. Every 100 new manufacturing jobs create an additional 250 jobs in the community.

We encourage you to help us close the skills gap and improve our area's economy by joining us in voting YES on Measure 26-190 for MHCC.

Shane T. Bemis, Mayor, City of Gresham Casey Ryan, Mayor, City of Troutdale Ted Tosterud, Mayor, City of Fairview

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

- Investing in MHCC is a smart financial 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 receive 8 million dollars in matching funds. This bond will allow the college to pay off its existing debt while taking advantage of 8 million dollars in cost-free state matching funds. These 8 million dollars would otherwise be forfeited.
- The actual cost to local homeowners is low. Homeowners will pay an additional 23 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 will pay \$46 dollars per year, or \$4 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 training, technical skills and resourcefulness demanded by today's dynamic marketplace. A strong MHCC is key to a robust workforce for local business.

Vote YES on the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Bond www.friendsofmhcc.org

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MHCC is an Accountable Investment that Creates Good Paying Jobs

MHCC needs new infrastructure, technology, and classroom space. It has been years since we have 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.

MHCC's Hands-On Programs Lead to High Paying Jobs. Students in our career training programs leave school with a direct path to a job that will support a family.

In the applied health program for example, MHCC students can quickly get the credentials they need to become a Licensed Professional Nurse, with an average starting salary of \$50,000. And then they can return for additional training to become a Registered Nurse, with an average starting salary of over \$80,000 here in Oregon.

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 us in voting YES on the Mt. Hood Community College Bond

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Investing in MHCC is a smart financial 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 benefit from improved access to education and training. Practical training at MHCC means good paying jobs and sold careers for today's students. Residents of all ages benefit 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 community. In addition to independent auditing, there will be a citizen oversight committee 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 23 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 will pay \$46 per year or \$4 per month.

We will vote YES on the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Bond and urge you to join us.

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