

# Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition Proponents' Statement of Reasons

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the for the County of Fresno purpose of creating the Fresno State Improvement Zone. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Fresno State is OUR university. It is a source of immense pride in the community and it powers our local economy by teaching students the specialized skills and technical knowledge necessary to succeed in a modern economy. Fresno State does an outstanding job despite being chronically underfunded by the State year after year. We simply cannot rely on the State to maintain and improve our Fresno State. With this initiative we can take matters into our own hands and regain local control of our tax dollars to repair the damage and build our Fresno State into a world-class university that will benefit everyone in the community.

This initiative ensures local control and tough accountability with a 7-member Citizens' Oversight Committee. Five members will be appointed by your elected Board of Supervisors and two by the CSU. All of the funds stay local and cannot be diverted by the State. The committee will hold regular open public meetings and are required to publish independently audited annual financial reports to show exactly how our money is being spent.

This initiative will build new state-of-the-art facilities, such as a Nursing School that will greatly increase access to career and educational programs in nursing. It will expand the Engineering School, modernize the Farm Laboratories and Industrial Technology facilities, add an Agricultural Innovation Center and Water Institute, build a Concert Hall, renovate the Theater and construct modern new classrooms for Criminology and Social Sciences and other disciplines. It will also build affordable on-campus student housing and parking facilities. And it will fund endowments for scholarships for deserving local students and veterans and provide a sustainable funding source for maintenance to avoid future problems.

2/3rds of Fresno State's academic facilities are over 50 years old. This initiative addresses \$500 million in deferred maintenance built up over decades. Leaky roofs and antiquated fire alarm systems, heating and air conditioning units, elevators, electrical and safety systems will be replaced. Video security cameras and lighting will be improved for student safety. Plumbing will be upgraded to provide safe drinking water. Hazardous materials such as asbestos, lead and mold will be safely removed. The campus will be even more accessible for people with disabilities.

A complete project list is available on our website: [goodtogreat4fresnostate.com](http://goodtogreat4fresnostate.com).

This measure adds one penny to a \$4 purchase. An economic impact study by Dr. Joseph Penbera, former Dean of the Craig School of Business, estimates that this initiative will create nearly 27,000 jobs and produce \$5.7 billion in economic output.

80% of Fresno State graduates stay in the area and become our teachers, nurses, engineers, accountants, scientists, firefighters, police officers, social workers, businesspeople and many other professionals. They use the skills and knowledge they learn at Fresno State to improve the quality of life for everyone in our community. Bulldog students also volunteer more than 1 million hours of community service annually. They care about our future. Let's join them and create a better and brighter future for all by approving this initiative.

signed/Jerry P. Dyer

signed/Jim Patterson

signed/Sal Quintero

signed/Dora Westerlund

signed/Terry Bradley