

## Measure E Ballot Argument

California State University, Fresno Facility and Academic Program Improvement Initiative Measure

We support Measure E because it directly benefits every resident of Fresno County by providing local control of the necessary funding to support Fresno State, our premier university and our most powerful social and economic engine.

100% of Measure E funds support our students, with 85% for academic improvements.

Measure E ensures local control and tough accountability with a Citizens' Oversight Committee that will hold public meetings and publish independently audited annual financial reports.

According to a January 2023 report by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst, the State does not have a plan to fund \$13.8 billion of deferred maintenance at our public universities, including Fresno State.

Two-thirds of Fresno State's academic facilities are over 50 years old. Measure E will address \$500 million in deferred maintenance projects, including fixing leaking roofs, replacing antiquated fire alarm systems, installing new HVAC units, electrical systems, plumbing and wells for safe drinking water. Hazardous materials such as asbestos, lead and mold will be safely removed.

Measure E will build state-of-the-art academic facilities, such as a School of Nursing to triple nursing graduates. It will expand the Lyles College of Engineering, modernize agricultural facilities, add an Agricultural Innovation Center and Water Institute, build a Concert Hall and construct new classrooms for Criminology and many other academic programs. It will also create sustainable endowments to provide scholarships to veterans and deserving local students.

Measure E will create nearly 27,000 jobs and generate over \$5.7 billion in positive economic activity.

Visit YesOnMeasureE.com for more information.

80% of Fresno State graduates stay here and become our teachers, nurses, engineers, public health providers, firefighters, police officers, business leaders and many other professionals. They use the knowledge and experience they gain at Fresno State to improve the quality of life for everyone in our community.

Vote Yes on Measure E.

Signed/John Zanoni, Fresno County Sheriff Signed/Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno Mayor Signed/Sal Quintero, Fresno County Supervisor Signed/Jim Patterson, California Assemblymember Signed/Dora Westerlund, CEO Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation

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