

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J (297/300 words)

**IT'S SIMPLE.** Our local community colleges, Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College, are essential to our economy and are a critical stepping stone to good-paying jobs and universities. VOTE YES on J

**VOTE YES ON J - MAINTAIN QUALITY JOB TRAINING LOCALLY**

In today's economy, good-paying jobs require specialized training and education.

**YES on J** will upgrade vocational education programs at Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College so students can learn the skills they need to get a job in today's competitive economy.

**YES on J** will ensure our Community Colleges can provide quality job training in fields such as nursing, healthcare, technology, welding, construction, agriculture, law enforcement, and firefighting.

**VOTE YES ON J - COLLEGE EDUCATION SHOULDN'T BREAK THE BANK**

Because UCs and State Colleges are expensive, more and more students, military veterans, and their families are relying on Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College for affordable education.

**YES on J** will upgrade our Community Colleges to ensure local students can continue to earn college credits, certifications, and job skills at a reasonable price.

**VOTE YES ON J - SUPPORT VETERANS**

Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College have served thousands of military veterans, many of whom face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disability.

**YES on J** will upgrade veteran services at our Community Colleges so returning veterans receive the support they need to complete their education and reenter the civilian workforce.

**YES ON J IS ENDORSED BY THE KERN COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

Join local employers, community leaders, Kern County Taxpayers Association, and the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Board in voting YES on J to keep college education affordable and upgrade facilities for quality vocational and transfer education for local students, workers and returning veterans.

\_\_\_\_, Michael Turnipseed, Taxpayer Advocate

\_\_\_\_, Milt Stowe, Mayor, Chair PC Foundation

\_\_\_\_, Jazmin Robles, Arvin H.S. Teacher/Arvin City Council Member

\_\_\_\_, Michael Cash, Founder CEO Operation Family Fund

\_\_\_\_, John P. Lake, Businessman/Co-Founder Kern Citizens for Sustainable Government

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