

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Y

Our region faces economic challenges. **SanBernardinoCommunityCollegeDistrict** is part of the solution to this crisis, but it needs our help. That's why we need YES on Y!

Public universities like UC's and CSU's cost six to sixteen times more than **San BernardinoValleyCollege** or **CraftonHillsCollege**. YES on Y keeps local college and career training affordable so students can transfer or learn hands -on job skills, without debt.

YES on Y trains our students locally for high- skilled, good- paying jobs. Skilled tradespeople, teachers, firefighters and more are in high demand. YES on Y upgrades and expands local job training programs so local students can learn marketable skills and build careers right here, without using expensive gas or time, to commute hours away.

YES on Y keeps our local college campuses safe and ready to serve local students. Many local community college classrooms are over 100 years old and are deteriorating. Funding will help remove asbestos and mold; repair outdated sewer, electrical and gas lines; and upgrade pipes to keep drinking water safe. Specialized training classes and labs are outdated. **YES on Y** fixes these dangers now, so students are safe and college programs can train the workers we need.

Wildfires are getting more extreme— the Bridge and Line Fires alone burned tens of thousands of acres. We need more trained firefighters, paramedics, emergency first responders and nurses. **YES on Y** keeps specialized classrooms/ labs for our local colleges' **nursing, firefighting, and emergency training programs up to date** and expanding, so help is there when we need it most.

YES on Y is accountable — requiring public spending disclosure, audits and citizen oversight. No money can be taken from our community.

Join firefighters, nurses, and local small businesses to keep college affordable and our community working and safe. YES ON Y!

Learn more: AffordableCollegeAndCareer.com

(300 words: **SanBarnardinoCounty, SanBernardinoComminityCollegeDistrict, SanBernardinoValleyCollege, CraftonHillsCollege** counted as one word in each instance)

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