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The Santa Rosa Metro Chamber actively opposes the College's use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on construction projects of any size at the College. As a long-time supporter of the College and as an advocate for Measure H, we believe it is bad policy for the College to require Project Labor Agreements.

We come to this position for several reasons. First, these agreements tend to drive up the cost of building. In an environment where the College already has more building needs than can be funded, it is critical that money be saved where ever possible on these projects. Secondly, these Agreements tend to limit competitive bids as contractors who have non-union shops often avoid bidding on projects that require PLAs. Finally, we do not believe that this promotes local jobs as PLAs do not address the question of where workers are from and local businesses are less likely to bid on them because of the barriers PLAs present.

The Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce represents over 900 local businesses, including construction contractors, with a stake in the outcome of this decision, as participants and local taxpayers. As members of our local community, we urge you not to commit our Junior College to an obligation driven by special interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Coe, President & CEO
Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce