



February 4, 2021

Ms. Heather Fleck
Acting Unit Chief, YouthBuild
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20210

Re: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District YouthBuild Program Grant Application

Dear Ms. Fleck,

On behalf of Las Positas College, I am writing to express our commitment to partner with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's (LVJUSD) proposed Department of Labor YouthBuild project.

Las Positas College commits to providing instruction in welding to enable students prepared to take their American Welding Society (AWS) Welding exam, an industry-recognized credential, to enter the profession. Our welding is currently a two-year track, but we commit to exploring the possibility of a one-year cohort should LVJUSD's YouthBuild proposal be funded. Las Positas College will discuss forming a separate one-year cohort-based program based on student interest and faculty availability.

Additionally, as a partner, our institution is committed to expanding our current collaborations, such as offering tutoring services to participants of the LVJUSD YouthBuild program and to a smooth transition should participants desire to transfer to Las Positas College upon program completion. As a student at Las Positas College, YouthBuild participants will be able to ride the city bus (Wheels) for free using their school ID.

Exposure to college campuses and envisioning themselves as college students is critical to helping all students recognize the possibility of higher education. Las Positas College excels in helping students transfer to the University of California system, the California State University system, and other four-year institutions.

Accredited in 1991, Las Positas College currently enrolls nearly 8,500 day and evening students. We provide university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, and career and

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technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional work force. Students who come to the College can choose any of 24 Occupational Associate Degrees, 17 Transfer Associate Degrees, and 44 Certificate Programs. These certificates include Apprenticeship Ironworkers, Occupational Safety and Health, and Welding Technology.

Las Positas College is a proud partner of LVJUSD's YouthBuild project and requests your support in awarding the requested funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dyrell Foster".

Dyrell Foster, Ed.D.
President

Cc: Dr. Kristina Whalen, Vice President Academic Services
Vicki Shipman, Career Technical Education Project Manager