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Resident urges vote for Cuccia, Dowler and Verran for MCCC seats

As a Monroe County resident concerned with fiscal responsibility and prudent spending of my tax dollars, I suggest other like-minded citizens join me in voting for Ignazio Cuccia, Lynette Dowler and Barbara Verran for the three positions on the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees.

The election of these three individuals affords our community, and the college, an opportunity to add desperately needed fresh perspectives and

ideas on addressing the financial problems currently facing Monroe County Community College (MCCC).

Incumbent board members running for re-election, William Braunlich and Mary Kay Thayer, have ineffectively served on the board for numerous terms. Their votes during those years have led to the college's current financial crisis. A critical example is the construction of the multi-million-dollar technology center with-

out having the financing secured. The technology center was an estimated \$17 million dollar project. The only financing that was secured was \$8 million dollars from the State of Michigan, which left a large deficit.

Their decisions wiped out a healthy reserve account. These board members are in favor of a financial bailout from taxpayers by asking for an additional millage in the upcoming election. Their lack of responsible fiscal oversight of the col-

lege's revenues, which is our tax dollars, supports my contention that they need to be voted off the board and be replaced by new, fiscally responsible individuals.

MCCC can't change its financial philosophy unless the makeup of the current board changes. Join me in voting for change by voting for Ignazio Cuccia, Lynette Dowler and Barbara Verran.

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