



RESOLUTION NO. 26: _____
APPROVING THE NAMING OF BUILDING 10 IN HONOR OF
LAURENCE E. “LARRY” WALKER, SR.

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Community College District Governing Board of Trustees holds authority to name District facilities pursuant to Board Policy 6620 - Naming of Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Procedure 6620 provides that the Board of Trustees shall consider naming of facilities in recognition of significant financial or service contributions, with service defined as “major, significant contributions of time and/or talent to promote the mission of MPC as an inclusive institution that provides outstanding education to all students or enhancement of the broader community”; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2026, the Monterey Peninsula Community College District received a request to name Building 10 in honor of Mr. Laurence E. “Larry” Walker, Sr. for his service contributions to Monterey Peninsula College (MPC); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker began his relationship with MPC as a student-athlete and first-generation college student, before dedicating his nearly 40-year career to MPC, where he served as EOPS Recruiting Specialist, TRIO Upward Bound faculty counselor/coordinator, Associate Dean of Student Services; Dean of Student Services, Interim Vice President of Student Services, Vice President of Student Services, and on two occasions, Acting Superintendent/President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker championed and established programs and services that transformed the way MPC supports student access, retention, and success, including TRIO Programs (Student Support Services, Math Science Upward Bound, and Upward Bound), EOPS, CARE, CalWORKS, First Year Experience, the Veterans Resource Center, MESA, Dual Enrollment/CCAP, and African American Alliance programs including the Black Student Union, Umoja, and A2MEND, as well as First Fridays with student athletes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker’s ethos, distilled into the acronym RICH—Respect, Integrity, Commitment, and Heart—continues to serve as the foundation for how Student Services should treat every student who steps onto our campuses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker brought MPC and our community together through his involvement with community outreach and community building organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Village Project, and events that include the Community Peace Breakfast, the Police Athletic League, Johnson-Toney youth gatherings, Juneteenth celebrations, UCSC African American Theater Arts Troupe performances, and Super CSU Sunday in partnership with CSU Monterey Bay; and



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WHEREAS, Mr. Walker's legacy lives on through the individuals he mentored, including MPC's Vice President of Student Services Dr. Kelly Fletes, and Dean of Student Services LaKisha Stewart Bradley, who continue to carry his commitment to students forward; and

WHEREAS, this naming request is supported by broad consensus, including nearly 800 petition signatures from MPC students, alumni, staff, faculty, managers, and community members; a joint resolution passed by the MPC Academic Senate and Classified Senate in March 2026 urging the Board to approve this naming; and numerous public comments offered at Board meetings in support of the naming; and

WHEREAS, the Service-Based Naming Review Taskforce convened on September 11, 2026, to evaluate this nomination against the Guidelines for Naming Significant Facilities in Recognition of Service and unanimously recommended that the nomination be forwarded to Superintendent/President Dr. Marshall T. Fulbright III, citing Mr. Walker's nearly forty years of service rising from student to executive leadership, his consistent advocacy on behalf of students, and his generosity towards colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker retired from MPC in June 2024 and passed away on September 14, 2025, satisfying the minimum tenure and waiting period set forth in Administrative Procedure 6620; and

WHEREAS, Building 10 will be a testament to Mr. Walker's vision and tireless efforts to improve the way MPC serves and supports its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Trustees of the Monterey Peninsula Community College District hereby approves the naming of Building 10 in honor of Laurence E. "Larry" Walker, Sr., in recognition of his extraordinary, unique, and enduring contributions to Monterey Peninsula College, its students, and the broader community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the specific name to be affixed to Building 10 will be considered for adoption by the Governing Board of Trustees at a future meeting, following conversations between President Fulbright, his designee(s), and the Walker Family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final Board approval of the building's name, recognition may be installed to honor Mr. Walker's enduring legacy, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 6620.



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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Trustees of Monterey Peninsula Community College District this 23rd day of September 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

Dr. Celia Barberena
Chair, Governing Board of Trustees
Trustee Area 4

Ms. Anita Crawley
Vice Chair, Governing Board of Trustees
Trustee Area 5

Ms. Rosalyn Green
Trustee Area 1

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Trustee Area 3

Mr. Dario Dimaggio
Student Trustee 2026-27

Dr. Marshall T. Fulbright III
Superintendent/President
Secretary, Governing Board of Trustees