

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hoarder's mentality

I just found out that an independent financial consulting group hired by Victor Valley College projects that the college will have a 55.1 percent reserve by the end of the year. If VVC has all of this taxpayer money in its reserve, why is the college foundation out in the community trying to raise money for classes? If the state chancellor's office recommends that community colleges have a 5 percent reserve, why then is VVC's reserve nearly ten times that?

On a Youtube video, college trustee Joe Brady repeatedly says he won't spend the reserve. Now I can't help but wonder why certain members of the board have taken a hoarder's mentality with this taxpayer money. If not for more classes, then what will it be used for? I thought colleges were supposed to educate students, not make a profit. No wonder I can't get the courses I need, when all this money is sitting idle in the reserve as classes continue to be cut.

Haven't taxpayers shared enough of the burden for the college by passing a \$300 million building bond? It doesn't matter how many buildings you erect if you don't have teachers or classes to fill them.

I'm disgusted by what appears to be no more than a shell game with these hard-earned taxpayer dollars, and I urge the board to give the community some much needed answers.

Yes, be fiscally responsible, but please, make a plan.

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