

Letter from the President

On behalf of the faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students of Las Positas College, I am proud to present our Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The updated Climate Action Plan (CAP) will advance systemic changes to addressing sustainability efforts at Las Positas College. The plan provides a clear vision and strategies that outlines how LPC will: cut emissions and achieve a net negative campus, build additional institutional capacity to implement sustainability actions, expand climate-focused education, provide opportunities for students, employees, and community partners to engage in sustainability efforts, and advance climate justice efforts over the next five years, while working towards becoming a net-zero energy campus by 2035.

The plan draws from our proud history, accentuates our distinctive regional strengths, and identifies the ongoing challenges and opportunities that climate change presents in shaping our lives and defining the global challenge for this century. The college is uniquely positioned with strong ties to local industry leaders and local governments to prepare those at greater risk than others from these challenges. Las Positas College plays a critical role in the educational, economic, and environmental health of the region and sustainability and its social justice tenets directly align with our institutional mission, values, and goals. The college firmly believes that all climate change discussions are viewed through the lens of equity and fairness.

Our Climate Action Plan is a call to action for Las Positas College to continue to serve as a leader within the Tri-Valley area and among the 116 community colleges in our system; this requires all levels of our college to play a part in preparing ourselves and helping others in this global effort. The college also believes that it is important for us to continue to collaborate with educational, business, and government partners to enhance educational opportunities and provide programs, training, and support services that best meet the needs of our students and our communities. Through planning and action, Las Positas College is committed to addressing sustainability in our daily operations to provide stewardship of the environment, while providing students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in the green economy.



I am proud of the inclusive process that involved significant collaboration, outreach, active research, and a wide breadth of expertise from our climate fellows, student interns, faculty, classified professionals, administrators, with support from our District Office and colleagues from Chabot College. This plan is the work of countless hours of many individuals who brought passion and dedication to this planning effort. I would like to thank the following Las Positas College faculty and staff for their leadership in contributing to this document: Marsha Vernoga, Michael Ansell, Daniel Cearley, Laura Cornette, Amy Chovnick, David Montelongo, and Jean O'Neil-Opipari.

The Climate Action Plan should be considered a living document, which will serve as a guide for the future, yet be flexible enough to help the college navigate a rapidly evolving climate of social, economic, and environmental change. Las Positas College is proud to serve the communities within the Tri-Valley and beyond, and is committed to transforming lives, through our commitment to educational access, student equity, academic excellence, and student success. This Climate Action Plan will keep us on the path to continuing to lead our community in sustainability and climate justice action, locally and regionally, in the years to come.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dyrell Foster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dyrell Foster, Ed.D.
College President