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BROOKS CALLS FOR END TO RANCOR AT MCC

Demands Trustees Come Together for Good of College and Appoint Former President Spina to Lead College to Stability

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today called on the Monroe Community College (MCC) Board of Trustees to end the divisiveness and hidden agendas that have tarnished the current presidential search and begin a new process to select a President. The County Executive further called on the Trustees to appoint former MCC President Peter Spina as Interim College President and to charge him with driving a new presidential search process for the good of MCC and the entire community.

"The MCC Presidential search process has stalled and the Board of Trustees have entrenched themselves in a gridlock position that must end," said Brooks. "The search process has reached this impasse because many Trustees have allowed divisiveness and personal agendas to affect their decision-making, with little regard for the damage they are causing the College. While I believe that the Board of Trustees should operate with some level of autonomy, their failure to come to a decision has made it clear to me that I must step in and end the divisive and failed process that has brought us to this point. It is time for the Board to end the stalemate and conduct a new search process free of politics, personal agendas, and bitter conflict."

"Earlier this week, former MCC President Peter Spina sent me a letter offering to help heal the College," continued Brooks. "Expressing his concern for the future of MCC, Dr. Spina graciously offered his assistance during this challenging period. After spending nearly twenty years building MCC into the outstanding institution that it is today, I know that Peter is uniquely qualified to begin a new search process and lead the College in the right direction."

Dr. Peter Spina served as President of MCC from 1981 to 1999, and is the immediate past President of the College. He currently serves as Interim President of the State University of New York Institute of Technology, located near Utica, NY.

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“As President, Dr. Spina played a pivotal role in forging our modern community college and a return to his leadership is a clear path to securing MCC’s future,” stated **Brooks**. *“Peter graciously reached out to me in an effort to offer his assistance and the Board of Trustees must embrace this opportunity. I believe former President Spina can reinvigorate the presidential search process, because he is free of any hidden political or personal agenda and that is exactly how we must proceed.”*

County Executive **Brooks** concluded by calling on the Board of Trustees to set aside personal interests and rally its support behind a new search process for the good of the College and the entire community.

“Any trustee who cannot put aside his or her personal agenda and support a new search process clearly does not have the best interests of the College in mind and must step aside and resign immediately,” concluded **Brooks**. *“The students, faculty and staff at MCC deserve nothing less and the taxpayers of Monroe County are certainly entitled to better than the divisive process we have seen to date. MCC is a tremendous asset to our community, and as County Executive it is my responsibility to protect its integrity and ensure that it has a bright future. I am confident that under the leadership of Dr. Peter Spina and with a new presidential search, we will continue to see MCC grow, prosper, and offer an affordable, quality education to every member of our community.”*

The MCC Board of Trustees has recently concluded a presidential search process, which resulted in a five to five deadlocked board. The search committees had recommended neither of the candidates voted on by the board.

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