

**CITY OF SANTA PAULA
MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: John Cotti, City Attorney
Michael Rock, City Manager

Subject: Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for a Ventura County
Community College District Campus in Santa Paula

Date: July 31, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the correspondence to the Ventura County Community College District regarding the development of a Santa Paula campus.
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the correspondence.

Report by: Michael K. Rock, City Manager

BACKGROUND:

In 2002, voters in Ventura County approved Measure S. Measure S authorized the Ventura County Community College District ("VCCCD") to issue bonds totaling \$356.3 million for repairs and construction of college facilities throughout Ventura County. Among other things, Measure S anticipated construction of a new college campus within the Santa Clara River Valley near or within the city of Santa Paula.

On April 18, 2006, however, the VCCCD Board of Trustees voted 3-2 not to fund a Santa Paula campus based, in part, on the idea that Santa Paula had not developed several proposed development projects. Consequently, there were insufficient numbers of full-time students to justify the campus. That has changed with the groundbreaking of the East Area 1 (Harvest at Limoneira) project, which when complete will have 1500 residential homes; 285,000 square feet of commercial uses; and several schools.

There has been significant interest in a VCCCD presence in Santa Paula and City staff understands that Measure S revenue remains to develop such a facility at the Harvest at Limoneira project. The attached letter urges VCCCD to begin the necessary steps to

develop a campus in the new East Area 1 (aka Harvest at Limoneira) development and invites VCCCD to a future Council meeting to discuss its plans for a Santa Paula facility.

City staff understands that the VCCCD is proposing to conduct a town hall meeting to discuss the need and, if such a need exists, the type of facility to be constructed in Santa Paula. The letter also requests notice of any future VCCCD Board meetings discussing a Santa Paula facility.

FISCAL IMPACTS: There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the proposed letter and authorize the Mayor to sign;
- 2) Propose alternative language to the letter.

Attachments:

ltr to Dr Gillespie VCCCD for 7-31-17