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Dr. Greg Gillespie, Chancellor
Ventura County Community College District
761 E. Daily Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010

Subject: Measure S: District Campus in Santa Paula

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

On behalf of the entire City Council of Santa Paula, I am writing you this letter urging the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) to have a significant presence in Santa Paula. We have heard that VCCCD plans to develop a campus in the new East Area 1 (aka Harvest at Limoneira) development. The City Council would like to invite representatives of VCCCD to a future City Council meeting to discuss its plans for a campus in Santa Paula.

In 2002, Santa Paula residents overwhelmingly supported Measure S with the understanding that there would be an Educational Center added to East Area 1 (EA1). As I talk to the residents of Santa Paula, I often hear (across the political spectrum) a concern about the property tax that we pay for the VCCCD. Residents generally feel like they are paying a tax for something that was promised and never materialized. While they understand that EA1 has taken longer to be developed than was previously thought, they still feel like Santa Paula has been forgotten. Residents have many times requested information on the amount of bond proceeds that remain and what benefits they will see here in Santa Paula from those proceeds. This issue is back on the forefront of many people's minds as tentative tract maps are being approved and construction activities are increasing at EA1.

As you meet with Limoneira and work to develop plans for what the VCCD presence will be in EA1, I would very much appreciate being updated on progress toward and discussion about submitting an application letter of intent for a College Center at EA1 as well as the scheduling of a community town hall meeting to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

Jenny Crosswhite
Mayor