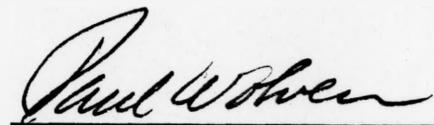


NOTE TO COUNCIL

This report was omitted from the agenda so as not to disclose to the College people the actions the City Council is considering at this time.

I believe we can anticipate a better response if certain actions are taken without advance notice to the College.

We will continue to evaluate the merits of a special delegation going to Sacramento to meet with various State officials to interest their support of our program. I believe the costs of such a trip will be minimal and well worth the effort and expense involved. We will report further on this aspect of the program in the next few weeks.



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Paul E. Wolven  
City Manager

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BRIEFING REPORT  
TO COUNCIL  
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# CITY OF OXNARD

## MEMORANDUM

November 9, 1973

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommended Action to Enhance Consideration  
of the Oxnard College Project

During its meeting on October 30, 1973, the City Council directed staff to prepare a report outlining the steps which the City might take to obtain the assistance of State officials and others in implementing the Oxnard College project. The following is provided in response to that request.

### BACKGROUND

On October 16, 1973, the Ventura County Community College District Governing Board adopted a Ten Year Facilities Plan which prioritizes the various construction projects which the District plans to undertake during the next ten years. Such a Plan is adopted in the fall of each year and submitted to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. This Plan, once approved at the State level, serves as the basis for State financial assistance on construction projects undertaken by the local District. In reviewing the list of priorities as set forth in the Plan for possible State assistance, the State considers several indicators of need including the degree to which existing District facilities are being utilized.

*J. Chapman  
main Oxnard  
highway.*

The Ten Year Facilities Plan approved by the local Governing Board on October 16, 1973, includes 14 construction projects for the Oxnard College out of the total list of 25 projects; 14 of the first 16 projects, including the two top priorities, are for Oxnard College. Although there are projects within the total 25 listed for the other two campuses which the City should question in terms of both need and timing, the Plan adopted would bring about the development of the Oxnard College (opening for instruction in the fall of 1978) if it is implemented. The major remaining question is whether or not the District will follow through in the implementation of the Plan.

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Although the Plan has been adopted and submitted to the State, the Governing Board approved the Plan only on an "interim"

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basis pending the completion of the "2000 A.D. Master Plan" early next year. The purpose of this Master Plan is to determine what the community college needs of Ventura County will be to the year 2000 and how these needs can best be met by the District. As part of this study process, the District will attempt to determine if a third campus in Oxnard is needed and if the District can afford to construct and operate a third campus.

#### ADDITIONAL CITY EFFORTS

During the past several months, the City has been making an aggressive effort to convince the Governing Board that it should meet its longstanding commitment to develop the Oxnard College. Despite this effort, and the major expression of interest in the Oxnard College made by a great many local residents and groups, the Governing Board has not yet made a real commitment to implement the Oxnard College project. Instead, the majority of Governing Board members have indicated that a decision to move forward on the Oxnard College must await the completion of the "2000 A.D. Master Plan". In light of this position, the City should continue its efforts to enlist the support of others to move the Oxnard College project forward. The following are some steps which might help to achieve this objective.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 6111

On November 6, 1973, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6111 advising the California Community Colleges' Chancellor and Governing Board of the V. C. Community College District's failure to meet the community college needs of the Oxnard-Port Hueneme area. Copies of this resolution should be sent to all individuals and groups who may be interested in this issue including Oxnard's State Legislators, the V. C. Board of Supervisors, the Cities of Port Hueneme and Camarillo, those individuals who attended the District's October 16 public hearing on this matter, the news media, and, of course, the V. C. Community College Board. The City Council has already directed staff to distribute the resolution to each Neighborhood Council.

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The primary purpose of Resolution No. 6111 is to direct the attention of the Chancellor and Governing Board of the California Community Colleges to the failure of the local District to meet the community college needs of Oxnard-Port Hueneme area residents. We believe the resolution should be sent to each member of the Governing Board and to the Chancellor with a transmittal letter from the Mayor which points out the local District's lack of response to the needs of a great many District residents. In the letter to the Chancellor, Sidney W. Brossman, we should express our desire to send a delegation to Sacramento to discuss this matter in greater detail with him and representatives of the State Department of Finance and, possibly,

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the State Department of Public Works (both of these departments participated in the review and approval of the Ten Year Facilities Plan). If the Chancellor responds favorably to this request, a delegation comprised of one representative from the City Council, Oxnard Advisory Committee, Neighborhood Councils, and City staff might be sent to Sacramento to present information which documents the need for an Oxnard College, and to present any supporting resolutions which Neighborhood Councils or other local groups might adopt before that visit. The main value of such a visit would be to personally discuss the Oxnard College issue with someone with the authority to influence its development schedule.

During this meeting with Dr. Grossman, the Oxnard delegation could discuss the possibility and desirability of having him and representatives of the California Community Colleges Governing Board come to Oxnard to meet publicly with local residents to discuss the Oxnard College issue.

#### ATTENDANCE OF V. C. COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEETINGS

A City staff member should continue attending the meetings of the V. C. Community College District Board when items relating to the Oxnard College are on the agenda. The City should continue to advise the Neighborhood Councils and other interested groups when major agenda items regarding the Oxnard College are scheduled (e.g. the public hearings on the "2000 A.D. Master Plan").

#### 2000 A.D. MASTER PLAN

The "2000 A.D. Master Plan" is scheduled for review by the Board in February, 1974, and for Board approval in April, 1974. This Plan is being developed by a Study Committee composed of the District Superintendent, a representative of the administration of the two campuses, a representative of the faculty of each campus, and a third member from each campus selected by the administration and faculty representatives. This Committee will be utilizing numerous community resources to obtain the data needed for the development of the Plan.

Some proponents of the early development of Oxnard College have strongly objected to the "2000 A.D. Master Plan" since, in essence, it is subjecting the Oxnard College project to prolonged and detailed scrutiny to which past construction projects on the other campuses have not been subjected. Since this objection is certainly valid, the City should decide whether or not it wishes to participate in the Master Plan study process. One alternative is to take the position that the Oxnard College development project is being unfairly singled out in terms of the questions raised regarding its need and economic feasibility.

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(some have asserted that these questions have been framed in such a way as to result in unfavorable findings regarding Oxnard College) while these questions were not raised about past District projects and, therefore, the City should ignore the study. While this alternative is certainly sound on the basis of principle, it may result in a reduction of the opportunity for the Oxnard community to include its views in the Master Plan study. Therefore, the City Council may wish to request the V. C. Community College District Board to include one or more Oxnard representatives on the Study Committee. The participation of an Oxnard representative would give the community a chance to exchange information with the Study Committee about the need/possibility for an Oxnard College. One individual who might appropriately be considered for appointment to the Study Committee as Oxnard's representative would be Mr. Robert Butz, Chairman of the Advisory Committee's Oxnard College Task Force.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action on the Oxnard College matter at this time: (1) Distribute Resolution No. 6111 to the individuals and groups enumerated above; (2) transmit the resolution to the California Community Colleges Chancellor with a letter expressing interest in a meeting with him and other State officials in Sacramento; (3) Continue to send a City staff representative to District Board meetings when items relating to Oxnard College are scheduled; (4) Forward a letter to the V. C. Community College District Board recommending that an Oxnard representative be included on the "2000 A.D. Master Plan" Study Committee.

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Some Oxnard representatives  
be included.