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CITY OF OXNARD

MEMORANDUM

March 26, 1974

*If no objections
attached is a copy of
the proposed presentation
to be made by Mayor Jewell
at tonight's meeting of
the College Bd.
Paul Wolven*

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To: Paul E. Wolven, City Manager

From: Bob Brown, Administrative Assistant II

SUBJECT: City Presentation to College Board at March 26 Meeting on "2000 A.D. Master Plan"

On the evening of Tuesday, March 26, the Ventura County Community College District's Governing Board will conduct a final hearing on the proposed "2000 A.D. Master Plan". One-hour of this hearing will be devoted to additional public testimony of the Plan. The attached comments have been prepared for presentation by Mayor Jewell during this meeting.

Bob Brown

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Administrative Assistant II

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Attachment

MAYOR A. E. JEWELL

CITY OF OXNARD TESTIMONY FOR THE
COLLEGE BOARD'S DISCUSSION OF THE "2000 A.D. MASTER PLAN"
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1974, 7:30 P.M.

MADAM PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS AL JEWELL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OXNARD. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE CITY'S FINAL COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED "2000 A.D. MASTER PLAN". WE CERTAINLY DO APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S DECISION TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY HERE THIS EVENING. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, WE WILL KEEP OUR COMMENTS BRIEF.

THE CITY HAS, OF COURSE, CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE. I AM SURE IT WILL COME AS NO SURPRISE TO YOU THAT WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE THE COMMITTEE'S BASIC RECOMMENDATION; NAMELY, THAT THE DISTRICT DEVELOP A TRADITIONAL COLLEGE ON THE EXISTING OXNARD SITE. WE SINCERELY BELIEVE THIS RECOMMENDATION IS CONSISTENT WITH BOTH THE FINDINGS OF THE MASTER PLAN STUDY PROCESS AND THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY OFFERED AT THE SERIES OF MASTER PLAN HEARINGS. MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR RESPONDING TO THE INFORMATION GENERATED BY BOTH OF THESE SOURCES IN A POSITIVE AND OBJECTIVE MANNER.

HAVING EXPRESSED OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE'S BASIC RECOMMENDATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF ITS SECONDARY RECOMMENDATIONS. THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CURRENT "PRELIMINARY PLANNING GUIDES" AND "PRELIMINARY PLANNING PACKAGES" FOR OXNARD COLLEGE BE AMENDED. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER TO UNDERSTAND THE NEED OR IMPLICATIONS FOR THIS RECOMMENDED ACTION, WE DO KNOW THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT DELAY TO THE INITIATION OF THE OXNARD COLLEGE PROJECT WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM THESE REVISIONS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO THE OXNARD COMMUNITY. OF EVEN GREATER CONCERN TO US IS THE POSSIBLE EFFECT WHICH DELAYING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PHASE I UNTIL NOVEMBER 1974 MIGHT HAVE UPON THE STATE MATCHING FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT. IT WAS

OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS CONTRACT HAD TO BE AWARDED BY JULY 1974 TO ASSURE STATE FUNDING; THEREFORE, WE ARE SURE THOSE HERE TONIGHT WILL APPRECIATE HEARING SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE RECOMMENDED ACTION WILL NOT ENDANGER THESE FUNDS.

WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT SECTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE ABANDONMENT OF THE OXNARD COLLEGE MASTER PLAN IF FUNDING SOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND, INSTEAD, THAT OXNARD COLLEGE BE SHIFTED TO OXNARD AIR FORCE BASE, REDUCED IN SIZE, OR CHANGED TO A "COLLEGE OF THE COMMUNITY" MODEL. SINCE THE FULL PURSUIT OF ALL FINANCING ALTERNATIVES WOULD REQUIRE SEVERAL YEARS, WE THINK THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ANY DECISION ON THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHER SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE CERTAINLY SUPPORT, WE DO NOT THINK IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SUBMITTED. RATHER, WE THINK THE BOARD SHOULD TAKE ONLY THOSE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO GET A FULL, TRADITIONAL COLLEGE IN OXNARD UNDERWAY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD TO FULFILL THIS OBJECTIVE SHOULD, OF COURSE, INCLUDE IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE THAT THE DISTRICT IS REMOVING THE "INTERIM" DESIGNATION ON THE "TEN YEAR FACILITIES PLAN" NOW ON FILE WITH THE STATE. IN LINE WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE BOARD NOT ADOPT THE ENTIRE "2000 A.D. MASTER PLAN" BUT, INSTEAD, USE IT AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND GUIDE FOR FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS. WE OFFER THIS SUGGESTION BECAUSE WE FEEL THERE ARE MANY STATEMENTS OF POLICY AND PHILOSOPHY IN THE PLAN WHICH THE BOARD WILL WISH TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUALLY BEFORE ADOPTING.

AGAIN, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND URGE YOU TO INITIATE A TRADITIONAL COLLEGE ON THE OXNARD SITE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE. THANK YOU.