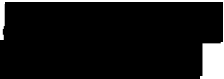


The Sustainability Council of Ventura County

Equitable Society, Sound Economy, Healthy Environment



Fax number: 

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The Honorable Cathie Wright
Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Transportation
California State Senate


Attention: Curtis Miller

Dear Senator Wright:

I am writing to ask you to support the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center (CUEREC), and to make it a priority item in the 2000-2001 budget as several of your Senate colleagues have done. With the small amount of state funding proposed for it, CUEREC will be able to continue its activities in California.

In 1999, CUEREC awarded a grant to CSU Northridge faculty member Dr. Tim Dagodag, in partnership with the Sustainability Council of Ventura County. This study, called "Sustainability Indicators: Measuring the Quality of Life in Ventura County," is designed to gauge the impact on the three areas of environment, social equity, and economics of various growth control measures. It will directly benefit the community stakeholders by providing valuable information of just what impacts these measures, such as SOAR, are having and may have on residents of the county.

The CUEREC Partnership Program offers opportunity for local community organizations like the Sustainability Council to work with state university faculty such as Dr. Dagodag and his Urban Studies students to solve problems of serious environmental concern while providing opportunities in fieldwork and professional level research for students working on the grant. The Sustainability Council is committed to a substantial public education program in the community as we develop the indicators and once final results are available.

Our organization appreciates the chance to work with CUEREC and hopes to be able to do so in future. I urge you to support this worthwhile organization.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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