

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** Betsy Lowrey, Assistant to the City Manager

**DATE:** April 23, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution Supporting Public Higher Education within Southwest Riverside County and Related Funding at Mt. San Jacinto College Temecula Campus (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Mayor Pro Tem Kalfus and Council Member Schwank)

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**PREPARED BY:** Betsy Lowrey, Assistant to the City Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TEMECULA SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR EXPANDED  
PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WITHIN  
SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND TEMECULA  
VALLEY AND FUNDING OF TENANT IMPROVEMENTS TO  
CREATE AN EXPANDED PRESENCE FOR CALIFORNIA  
STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS AT THE MT. SAN  
JACINTO COLLEGE TEMECULA VALLEY CAMPUS

**BACKGROUND:** The Higher Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Mayor Pro Tem Kalfus and Council Member Schwank, are also members of a new regional Southwest Riverside County Higher Education Coalition (“Regional Higher Ed Coalition”) that is being organized by surrounding cities in support of higher education. The longstanding directive of the Temecula City Council to bring higher education to Temecula resulted in the development of Mt. San Jacinto College Temecula Valley Campus, which is a comprehensive higher education complex that also houses California State University San Marcos at Temecula (CSUSM at Temecula). The Regional Higher Ed Coalition is advocating for the expansion of public higher education in the region and for funding to complete tenant improvements to provide CSUSM at Temecula greatly needed classroom space.

The Regional Higher Ed Coalition is requesting all cities within Southwest Riverside County adopt the attached Resolution, which will be used in advocacy efforts to expand higher education within our region and as described below:

1. Access to public higher education opportunities is critically important to economic growth within the region; and
2. The CSUSM at Temecula campus is an important link to expand public higher education in this region and the symbiotic relationship of this campus to regional economic development goals and needs; and
3. The City strongly supports regional efforts to advocate for funding for the expansion of public higher education in Southwest Riverside County and Temecula Valley; and
4. The City requests its legislative representatives consider this need and assist in the advocacy efforts for the necessary funding to complete the tenant improvements for the CSUSM Temecula Valley campus expansion, and four-year education in Southwest Riverside County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution