CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Luke Watson, Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve City Sponsorship Contribution to Mt. San Jacinto College Tribute Campaign Supporting University Center Efforts and Student Success Initiatives

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PREPARED BY: Christine Damko, Economic Development Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve a City sponsorship contribution of $25,000 honoring Superintendent/President Dr. Roger W. Schultz to support University Center efforts and student success initiatives.

BACKGROUND: The Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation (MSJCF) has launched a Tribute Campaign honoring Superintendent/President Dr. Roger W. Schultz, who will retire in June 2026 after 25 years of service to the College, including 19 years as President.

During Dr. Schultz's tenure, Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) experienced significant growth and transformation—expanding campuses, including the purchase of the 350,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Temecula Campus, strengthening academic and workforce pathways, and deepening its commitment to student success across the region. His leadership helped position MSJC as a cornerstone of educational opportunity for more than 29,000 students annually.

Additionally, MSJC and its Temecula Valley Campus have achieved major academic and regional milestones, reaching a record-breaking 74.3% student success rate and an 89.9% course completion rate. The campus serves nearly 4,000 full-time equivalent students annually. The Temecula campus, which began as an extension, was officially granted Center Status by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. This designation brings in $2.2 million in additional annual funding to expand local educational and vocational programs in Southwest Riverside County.

Funds raised through the Tribute Campaign will be invested in two areas Dr. Schultz has long championed:

- 25% will support Student Success Initiatives, including scholarships, emergency assistance, and basic needs resources that help students persist and complete their educational goals.

- 75% will be endowed to support the MSJC University Center located at the Temecula Campus, expanding affordable, local pathways to bachelor's degrees and strengthening the regional workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT: An allocation of $25,000 for this purpose has been reserved in the City Council Support line item within the FY 2026-2027 Operating Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: None