RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Temecula ("City") is located within Southwest Riverside County, and has a City population of 109,000 that is projected to grow to approximately 127,000 by 2035; and

WHEREAS, within our City and the greater region there presently is not a full-fledged four-year public university, thereby forcing students pursuing higher education seeking to begin a four-year education after graduating from high school to leave this geographic area or to commute great distances; and

WHEREAS, the commute time to the nearest four-year public universities is upward of one to two hours, exacerbated by the lack of public transportation to access those schools; and

WHEREAS, this region is projected to grow through 2060 without pause, making it one of the fastest-growing geographic areas in California and nation; and

WHEREAS, the region presently has a lower than statewide average percentage of population that has completed a four-year university education; and

WHEREAS, the region is working strategically and earnestly to attract higher-paying jobs to increase social mobility and to help reduce significant workforce commuting to other regions, which not only causes massive freeway congestion and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, but also greatly impacts the quality of life, including physical and mental health, for those commuters and their ability to be active contributors to their communities; and

WHEREAS, California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM) reports that about one-quarter of their student population come from this geographic area, which equates to approximately 4,000 students; and

WHEREAS, CSUSM also reports that they have a large number of students from the area that do not finish their bachelor's degrees there; and

WHEREAS, enrollment at Mt. San Jacinto Community College (MSJC) is up 50-60% over pre-pandemic enrollment; and

WHEREAS, considering vehicle mileage, fuel cost, and the expense of time waiting in traffic, the absence of a four-year university in this region creates a real barrier to personal growth and professional development, as well as economic growth of this region.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 23rd day of April, 2024.

James Stewart, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-   was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk