

October 17, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

In my role as President and CEO of Mt. San Antonio College, I have had the honor and responsibility to oversee the progress of California's largest single-campus community college district. During my six years, I've watched the continued improvement of our 420-acre campus. This effort speaks to our ongoing commitment to provide students affordable access to higher education and job training programs that prepare them for future success.

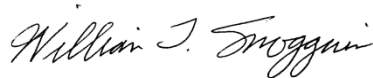
With significant financial support from the state and plans approved by four state and federal agencies, we are ready to move forward on Mt. SAC's solar power generation project. This project will be located on an area of campus commonly known as the "West Parcel," a triangular piece of land located west of Grand Avenue, south of Temple/Amar, south of our traditional Christmas tree lot. This ground-mounted system will generate approximately two megawatts of electricity and will save the college – and taxpayers – a projected \$480,000 in electricity costs annually.

I am writing to make you aware that starting in just a few days, grading will begin as part of preparation for this project. We will also be doing earthwork on Lot M, the hilltop parking area east of Grand Avenue and south of Temple Avenue. Below is a timeline for upcoming activity:

- Contractors will mobilize and begin grading on October 24, 2016.
- Construction will continue through November 2017 as follows:
 - The first work will be to clear the site. This will continue through November 15, 2016.
 - Major grading will continue from this date through June 2017.
 - Site work (paving, planting, irrigation) continues through September 2017.
 - Solar panel installation will be complete at the end of November 2017.

All project work will be done between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. We have included in the construction contracts extensive dust control measures to comply with air quality requirements and to minimize the impact to surrounding areas. Questions and concerns about the scope and extent of the work should be directed to our Facilities Planning and Management Department at (909) 274-4850.

Sincerely,



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Solar Power Generation Project

Why are you building a Solar Power Generation Project?

- This project will produce 2.2 megawatts of electricity, offset one-third of our daily energy consumption, and improve the reliability of the campus' power system.
- This property has been owned by Mt. SAC since 1946. The site cannot be used effectively for classrooms or other educational facilities due to the narrow size of the site as well as the distance from other educational facilities on campus. A 2012 study showed that the site was not viable for commercial or residential purposes.
- This project will reduce significantly Mt. SAC's "carbon foot print," which is required by California law. Taxpayer money saved on utility bills will be used to educate our communities' students.

Is Mt. SAC using Measure RR funds on any part of this project?

- No. This project is fully funded through Proposition 39 Energy funds, energy incentives from Southern California Edison, and California Energy Commission (CEC) loans.

Why are you building on that parcel of land rather than on existing parking lots like other school districts?

- The campus considered several other locations for solar panels. This location was ideal because:
 - the project will be hidden by the surrounding canyons
 - glare is expected to be minimal and can be mitigated through landscaping
 - this property cannot be effectively used for classrooms or other educational facilities
 - solar panel construction on existing parking lots is cost prohibitive and would not generate as much electricity as the solar power project
 - solar panel construction on top of our current buildings is not feasible since our buildings are not structurally equipped to handle the weight of solar panels

Is this project going to lower property values?

- No. Solar panels are the way of the future. They are appearing with increased frequency on homes, businesses, and more. In fact, the City of Walnut has itself created an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems.
- When complete, this project will not create any new traffic, noise or safety issues for residents, unlike other possible uses of this land.

Will it be visible?

- By and large, the solar power project will not be noticeable to people driving or walking past it on Grand Avenue. The solar field will be tastefully mitigated by extensive landscaping on the perimeter of the project.

What about detrimental environmental effects, including threatening the gnatcatcher?

- We have conducted two Environmental Impact Reports which address possible environmental effects as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. Mitigation plans have been submitted to four different agencies, including California Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Mt. SAC has received permits from each.

- We will be establishing new habitats at the project site and across the street near Lot M. We are expanding Mt. SAC's wildlife sanctuary, which will improve residents' views across Grand Avenue.