

*“Placerville, A Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future “*



**City Manager’s Report**  
**July 12, 2016. City Council Meeting**  
**Prepared by: M. Cleve Morris, City Manager**  
**Item#: 8.9**

**Subject:** Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Mission of El Dorado County Citizens For A University, To Bring A University To El Dorado County.

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**Discussion:** At the City Council meeting on June 28, 2016, the City received a presentation from Cherie Raffety representing El Dorado County Citizens for a University regarding the group’s efforts to bring a University to El Dorado County. As part of the presentation, Ms. Raffety requested the City Council consider adoption of a resolution in support of the group’s efforts.

Council requested that this item be brought back for formal adoption at this meeting. The attached resolution expresses the City’s support for bringing a university to El Dorado County.

**Options:**

1. Adopt the Resolution as presented.
2. Amend the Resolution and adopt.
3. Do not adopt the Resolution.

**Cost:** None at this time.

**Budget Impact:** No budget impact.

**Recommendation:** : Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Mission of El Dorado County Citizens For A University, To Bring A University To El Dorado County.

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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

*Attachments:*

*Resolution*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF  
EL DORADO COUNTY CITIZENS FOR A UNIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County desires a University within its borders to educate its youth and the underserved youth of the surrounding counties so that the state and the nation may admirably compete in a global marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County offers an extraordinary environment with beautiful Mediterranean landscapes, excess water availability, abundant natural resources, recreational opportunities and a quality of life second to none; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County and its' surrounds have presented itself as a welcoming and valued location for a burgeoning scientific and high-tech industry as well as a unique environment for sustainability research; and

**WHEREAS**, with the positive work-life balance that our citizens enjoy, the absence of a four-year university stands as a gaping deficit in the county and drives our youth to other regions in search of education and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, economic development experts point that the presence of a four-year university will be a major contributing factor to economic growth and prosperity in the region, while parents understand that a local university will encourage the highest level of educational attainment enabling our youth to compete in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Dorado County General Plan, adopted July 2004, Statement of Vision, lists "[E]ncourage efforts to locate a four-year college," as a future growth goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors unanimously supported the pursuit of a university for El Dorado County at their March 10, 2015, and January 5, 2016, meetings and gave their support to the efforts of El Dorado County Citizens for a University (as they are now known).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby support the efforts of the El Dorado County Citizens for a University and supports the mission to bring a four-year university to El Dorado County.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on July 12, 2016, by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_. The motion was passed by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Mayor Trisha Wilkins

**ATTEST:**

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Regina O'Connell, Interim City Clerk