



RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN THE VALLEY WITH A MISSION TO ADVANCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE PUBLIC, WITH A FOCUS ON THE VALLEY

WHEREAS, assessments of California's health care work force point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the State of California by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley currently has 24 percent fewer primary care physicians and approximately 50 percent fewer specialists per capita than the rest of California as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Valley, which is already medically underserved, will be disproportionately impacted by a statewide shortage of physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Valley's growing population and high incidence of health problems point to an overwhelming need to address access to health care in the region; and

WHEREAS, one of UC Merced's goals is to be a leader in a health care alliance aimed at improving the well being of San Joaquin Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, an expert task force charged with beginning planning for UC health sciences and medical education in the San Joaquin Valley recommends a model that leverages existing health care resources in the Valley, thereby bypassing the \$2-4 million per bed price tag associated with constructing a new and university-owned teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced trains students at clinical sites throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced aims to increase the number of health care professionals practicing in the Valley, particularly those that are competent in multi-cultural medicine; and

WHEREAS, a University of California school of medicine in the Valley will raise the level of care across the Valley through access to the latest advances and treatments associated with UC health sciences research programs, change perceptions about health care quality, keep health care dollars in the region and serve as an economic engine for the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley must be united in its efforts to develop a stellar medical education program that serves the health needs of its residents; and

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Approved 2/5/08
Effective _____



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fresno does hereby strongly encourage the University of California, Board of Regents to support UC Merced's effort to plan and establish a School of Medicine in the San Joaquin Valley. In addition to training physicians to meet regional and state needs, a UC Merced School of Medicine will extend biomedical and environmental sciences research programs throughout the regions, which will help improve the economic well being of the Valley and the quality of life of its diverse residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council does hereby declare its support for the development of a University of California School of Medicine with a short time period, recognizing that physician training is completed in six to eight years after entry into medical school.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of February, 2008.

AYES : Calhoun, Dages, Perea, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong
NOES : None
ABSTAIN : None
ABSENT : Duncan

Mayor Approval: _____, n/a, 2008
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, n/a, 2008
Mayor Veto: _____, n/a, 2008
Council Override Vote: _____, n/a, 2008

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By: Rebecca E. Klisch
Deputy