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Antelope Valley College Letter
October 2, 2009

Sam Dea, Supervisor of Regional Planning
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Floor 13
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Dea:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to offer support for the Centennial Specific Plan and inform you of the strong partnership Antelope Valley Community College District has formed with Centennial Founders LLC (Centennial). During the past three years, we have collaborated with key personnel from Centennial to develop community college programs and services that will be offered to citizens within and adjacent to the Centennial community.

Antelope Valley Community College District provides educational opportunities that include basic skills, general education, transfer education, career/workforce development, and personal enrichment. Through innovative partnerships, students are able to earn a high school diploma as well as associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees at our main campus. Working together with the Antelope Valley Union High School District, we secured a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and opened a middle college high school on the main college campus that integrates college courses into the high school curriculum and allows students to simultaneously work toward a high school diploma and an associate’s degree. California State University, Bakersfield Antelope Valley Center (CSUB-AV) offers classes both on our main campus and at City of Lancaster facilities, providing the opportunity for residents of Inyo, southeast Kern, and northern Los Angeles counties to obtain bachelor’s and master’s degrees. In addition, we have established a dual admission agreement with CSUB, which allows freshman students who have been admitted to CSUB to complete 56 lower division units at Antelope Valley College and transfer without requiring a second application.

Antelope Valley Community College District will provide similar programs and services for the Centennial community. We plan to deliver educational programs and services both in a traditional classroom setting and using the latest electronic technology such as internet, virtual imagery, and satellite television.

As the Centennial community grows, we look forward to forming partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and industries to assess, develop, and deliver educational and workforce programs. We have a successful history in partnering with local businesses and organizations, the results of which have included development of our registered nursing, respiratory care/therapy, radiologic technology (x-ray technician), aircraft fabrication, basic law enforcement and firefighter academy, horticulture/landscape management, and environmental science programs.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Jackie L. Fisher, Sr.
Superintendent/President