

Political Decisions, Not Educational Decisions

Measure CC Bond Money

- \$578 million in Measure CC construction bond money could be legally spent anywhere in the district even though voters in 2016 were promised \$346 million would be spent in Palm Springs for a West Valley Campus. A majority of the board could legally redirect funding. The very board that unanimously approved the contract to produce the schematic design for the Palm Springs Campus on December 18, 2020.

Prominent County Politician Contacts COD

- It started four days after Dr. Kinnamon retired with a **prominent county politician** requesting to meet with the interim president Jeff Baker and former VP Annabelle Nery.¹ Shortly thereafter, there were meetings and tours about focusing on downtown Coachella to build a full campus using an entire city block. The tours included prominent officials representing the City of Coachella and College administrators. Many of these prominent officials own personal property in downtown Coachella.²

Staff Meeting Notes Point to Trustees Wilson and Perez for Bond Redistribution

- According to staff notes,³ it is alleged that Chair of the Board was Aurora Wilson and the Vice Chair Ruben Perez, both were pressuring staff to reduce funding in the West Valley and staff determined in order to save the West Valley project they would need to focus on Coachella during the next five months (The Palm Springs Project Management Team to have re-directed focus to Coachella). The meeting notes also indicated that Coachella was confidential. What is important to note is that this was not a vote of the Board but a perceived intervention of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

COD Board Appoints City of Coachella's Attorney

- They also immediately changed the board attorney to be the same board attorney for the City of Coachella right after Dr. Kinnamon retired.

West Valley Projects (PS and CC) Put on “Pause”

- In April 2021, all west valley projects were put on “Pause”. Meetings were canceled.

Dr. Garcia Appointed President

President Garcia was appointed on a 3-2 vote in July 2021.

Palm Springs Development Project Lead Manager Relieved on Dr. Garcia’s 1st Day

- Dr. Garcia started on August 20, 2021. That same day, the lead project manager for the Palm Springs Campus was removed from his role. He was forbidden to discuss the campus project with anyone including media.

Roadrunner Motors Canceled in CC, New Land Purchase Agreement in Coachella

- On October 27, 2021, without warning, President Garcia canceled Roadrunner Motors in Cathedral City to look at other sites including in Indio near its auto center, which also happened to be in Trustee Gonzalez’s district.⁴ Although it was a surprise in October 2021 to everyone, that decision was already being developed behind closed doors in June 2021 prior to Garcia’s appointment.⁵ New documents⁶ just discovered show that on the same day Roadrunner Motors was canceled in CC, COD entered a Purchase and Sales Agreement to buy 37,500 square feet of vacant land in downtown Coachella located at 6th and Tripoli Way, known as the Rosa Lucas Living Trust land. The facility to be built is approximately 25,000 square feet.

Political Pressure Saves Roadrunner in CC, Land Deal Canceled in Coachella

- Fast forward to April 22, 2022, only due to political and public pressure did Roadrunner Motors get reversed at the board meeting and go back to the original site in Cathedral City, but now costing almost \$9 million more due to inflation and more than a year behind schedule. Also, on April 22, 2022,

COD issues a notice of termination of the Rosa Lucas land in Coachella.⁶
Coincidental?

Feasibility Study and Needs Assessment for Palm Springs Campus – False Information

- Back On November 30, 2021 – John White, Executive Director of the Bond Program and Facilities Planning sends an email to President Martha Garcia and her assistant Armando Robles titled, “Palm Springs Development Project Feasibility Study Outline, with notes, and Palm Springs Development Project Real Estate Files – Record Keeping Matric.” He specifically states these files are organized, cataloged, and are retained in Administration Building 1.

President Garcia Falsely Claims No Feasibility or Needs Assessment as Required by Law from Previous Administration

- On December 15, 2021, President Garcia stated to the Desert Sun Editorial Board that the Palm Springs Campus was planned without a feasibility study and was missing a “needs assessment” by her predecessor as required by law.⁷ However, John White’s November 30th email shows that Item 3 is entitled, “Needs Assessment” with subpoints:⁶
 - a. Demographics
 - b. Labor Market
 - c. Enrollment Potential – Cohort Analysis

President Garcia Backtracks on Feasibility and Assessment – Request “New Data”

- On December 17, 2021, Dr. Garcia reverses her stance that a feasibility study had not been done prior and states at the Board Meeting: “It is important that I state that I previously requested any needs assessment or feasibility studies from COD team members several times. I’m relying on their expertise from the team member that are here to support me. I was informed that no needs assessment or feasibility study

for that site had ever been completed. Therefore, I proceeded with making the statements I have. And I own them.” “They were a result of the information that I was provided.”⁸

Dr. Garcia admits that the feasibility study was on the school’s website, but she wanted an updated study – otherwise known as “new data.” In order to justify redistribution of funds, you need “new data” to justify the decision. However, the leading industries in the Coachella Valley have not changed much after COVID. The number one industry is still hospitality and culinary arts – known as tourism.⁸

Palm Springs Hospitality Consultant Relieved of Duties

- On December 3, 2021 – the lead hospitality consultant for the Palm Springs Campus was let go without warning or reason. This is the same month that the City of Palm Springs started requesting numerous public records about the campus.⁹

President Garcia Invites Attorney to Question If “Learning Hotel or Restaurant” Are Legal Uses of Bond Money

- In January 2022, President Garcia brought in Bond Attorney David Casnocha to attempt to question if a learning hotel or restaurant was even a “legal use” of Bond money.¹⁰ Now, this is the same Bond Attorney who was the Bond Counsel of Record for Sonoma County Junior College District for its Measure A in 2002 which funded the B. Robert Burdo Culinary Arts Center at Santa Rosa Junior College in Santa Rosa, CA. The Burdo Culinary Arts Center has a learning restaurant, bakery, and wine tasting store open to the public. COD trustees and faculty toured the Center for best practices a few years prior.

Trustee Perez Begins Political Rhetoric that PS Campus Was Always to Be a Liberal Arts Campus

- And a brand new \$667,000 Student Services Center is opening up in Downtown Coachella very soon.

West Valley Students Continue to Suffer from a Lack of Resources

- On the other hand, the West Valley students have no permanent campus. They have a temporary campus in PS on Baristo Road.
- It takes a student 1.5 hours each way to ride a bus from DHS to the main campus in Palm Desert.
- The bottom line, the West Valley students have less access to a higher education than either the East or Central Valley students and the data proves that with lower enrollment numbers.

Public Records Not Being Released

- In September 2022, the City of Palm Springs had to sue COD to provide public records.¹³ Think about that, a local city has had to sue another local governmental body to get “public records.” Records owned and paid for by the taxpayers. That is simply disgraceful!

- Throughout 2022, Board Chair Perez tells the public that the PS Campus was always meant to be just a liberal arts campus even though it has always had the four programmed pillars:¹¹

1. Hospitality and Culinary Arts
2. Digital Media and Arts
3. Allied Health Care
4. Green Energy and Technology

And later Architecture was added.

Trustee Perez Introduces “Racism” into the Dialogue Based on False Information

- The West is trying to take away resources from the East due to students in the East being poor, Latino students.

Demographics Show Similarities between East and West Valley Students¹²

- West Valley students are nearly identical to East Valley students – 79% Latino and more than 90% on free or reduced lunches.

East Valley Students Have More Access to Higher Education than West Valley Students

- East Valley students have two permanent campuses – Mecca/Thermal Campus and the Indio Campus. The Indio Campus is doubling in size along with an early development child care center. None of these projects were put on “pause.”
- There are classes being offered at the Coachella Public Library.

Mecca / Thermal Campus Not Being Used to Its Potential

- This spring, there is only one class with five students at the Mecca/Thermal Campus. That campus has 10 classrooms. There should be at least 20 times the number of classes on that campus.

More Resources Pour into Downtown Coachella

Julia Breyer

Subject: Zoom Mtg with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez to discuss COD East Valley Opportunities
Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87573350184?pwd=RUIITSzJjb3JpMmRia2Y5RUUpOTDIQQT09>
Start: Wed 4/14/2021 3:00 PM
End: Wed 4/14/2021 4:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Felix, Margarita
Required Attendees: Dr. Annebelle Nery; Hernandez, Steven
Optional Attendees: Jeff Baker

Notice - From External Source

Supervisor Perez is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87573350184?pwd=RUIITSzJjb3JpMmRia2Y5RUUpOTDIQQT09>

Meeting ID: 875 7335 0184
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Dr. Annebelle Nery
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Chief of Staff Steven Hernandez
Board Assistant Esmeralda Perez
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Event details
Zoom Mtg with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez to discuss
COD East Valley Opportunities

Event Attendees

Felix, Margarita

This event occurs in the past. 

Accepted on Mon 4/5/2021, 7:16 PM



When: Wed 4/14/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87573350184?pwd=RUITSzJjb3JpMmRia2Y5RUUpOTDIOQT09>

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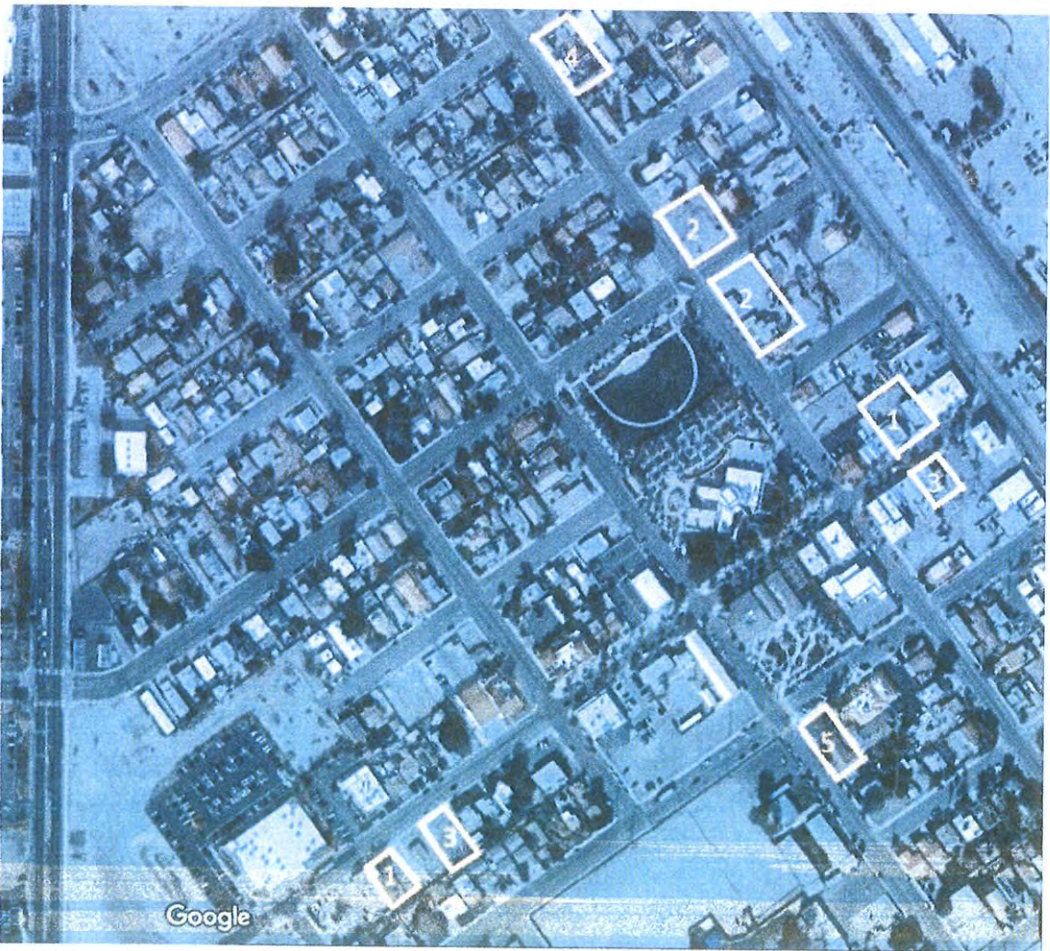
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Downtown Coachella Map and Aerial



May 11, 2021/ Bond Program and Facilities Planning (jow)

1 = Sheryl Thomas Property on Sixth Street (yellow)

2 = Jesus Gonzalez Property on Vine Street (yellow)

3 = Cree Property on Sixth Street (not labeled by lies between Structures 3 and 5 (red)

Cree Property: 1460 Sixth (between Orchard Street and Palm Ave.)

- Includes a variety of occupied and unoccupied office spaces, warehouse/garage space parking, a post office and small undeveloped portions of a property on the inside courtyard, away from Sixth Street.
- This property totals one square block in prime historic downtown (about 2.1 acres) proximate to the City Library, an operating Adult School and across from a new School under construction by the local school district.
- Owner is willing to bring in modular units or construct a small office building of about 7,000 s.f.
- Owner may be interested in leasing out a 1,000 rustic one-story wooden structure on the interior with one private office and one large open office area (air conditioned and accessible) for as little as \$1,500/month.
- Owner is willing to sell the entire one block parcel, but not sub-sections of the block. Sales price to be based on analysis of current and future rent (revenue) and not based on the value of existing buildings, which the owner considers to be "tear down."
- Same owner/developer for 23 years: Mr. Cree from Coachella Valley.
- The owner is interested in "getting out" of his parcel if he can get rid of the entire block. Unsuccessful attempts to develop the property for multi-story medical/professional office space for Kaiser, or others.
- Income tenants include a new thriving medical practice/clinic, a no- for-profit immigration legal assistance firm, and the U.S. Post Office.
- Mr. Cree is supportive of the College and would like to work with COD on near term and long-term plans.
- Contact Information: Calvin Cree, Imperial Valley Equities., Palm Desert, C: 760-250-1473 O: (760) 568-5022, calvin@ivequities.com
- Appointment for White and Ramont to meet Mr. Cree at: 1460 Sixth Street on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Thomas Properties: 1657 Sixth (between Vine and Grapefruit, Coachella)

- Available to lease is office space in single building facing Sixth Street. The building accommodates 11 office spaces (9 are private), a small useable pass through and two restrooms, say 1,350 rsf. Commitments are made for four of the 11 spaces. One or two may fall out of commitments. Of the firm commitments, there appears to be one large private office in the front of the suite assigned to a solo professional, and a couple of office spaces held for a nearby restaurant/bar for security (public safety and IT) office personnel. This leaves approximately 850 gsf for COD to lease.
- Marketed by owner/landlord as an "Executive Suite Building. Renovations are 50% complete will most likely be completed in time for Fall 2021. No off street parking. The offer will include part time dedicated use of an interior courtyard for College Events. No charge.
- Fully fit-out with new air conditioning, sound dampened walls, hard lid ceilings, generous electrical and data outlets, area served by Spectrum Business. Not furnished. No security alarm system but landlord plans to install outside cameras. Traditional locks. Individual thermostats in most spaces, highly zoned for temperature control.
- Terms are not negotiated, by probably looking at two to three-year lease with annual options. Rent may include utilities. Not provided: janitorial. Owner/landlord may retain one office in the suite for herself. Undecided.
- Available to rent: six private offices and a small open office area at the front of the suite that be used for any number of uses (reception/waiting, lounge, office, conference or 2-3 (student) carrels). 700 sf. An additional 150 sf of "common space" representing about half the total common space in the suite). ADA compliant.
- Proximate to City Civic Center, the City Park, the Library and Grapefruit Street, a major access thoroughfare to downtown. The block was dilapidated but is rapidly improving from both City and private investment.
- The Thomas Properties (3-4 small buildings and a courtyard) have been vacant for almost two decades but look in relatively good shape. Long term plans by owner/landlord to rent out adjacent buildings for cannabis retail/office and for café use. There appear to be no contracts in place with any businesses at this time.
- Cheryl Thomas, Trustee. Mobile (760) 399-0801 (prefers to communicate by text).
- In 2016, three City filed a "Petition for Nuisances" alleging the Property to be a public nuisance. Settlement reached out of Court in 2019.
- Current conditional use permit issued by City for Cannabis retail/office and café use. Conditional use permit has, or, is about to expire. Thomas did not reach a lease agreement with her proposed tenants as planned. Separate planned "Event Center" on property is now designed for Executive Suites (office use).

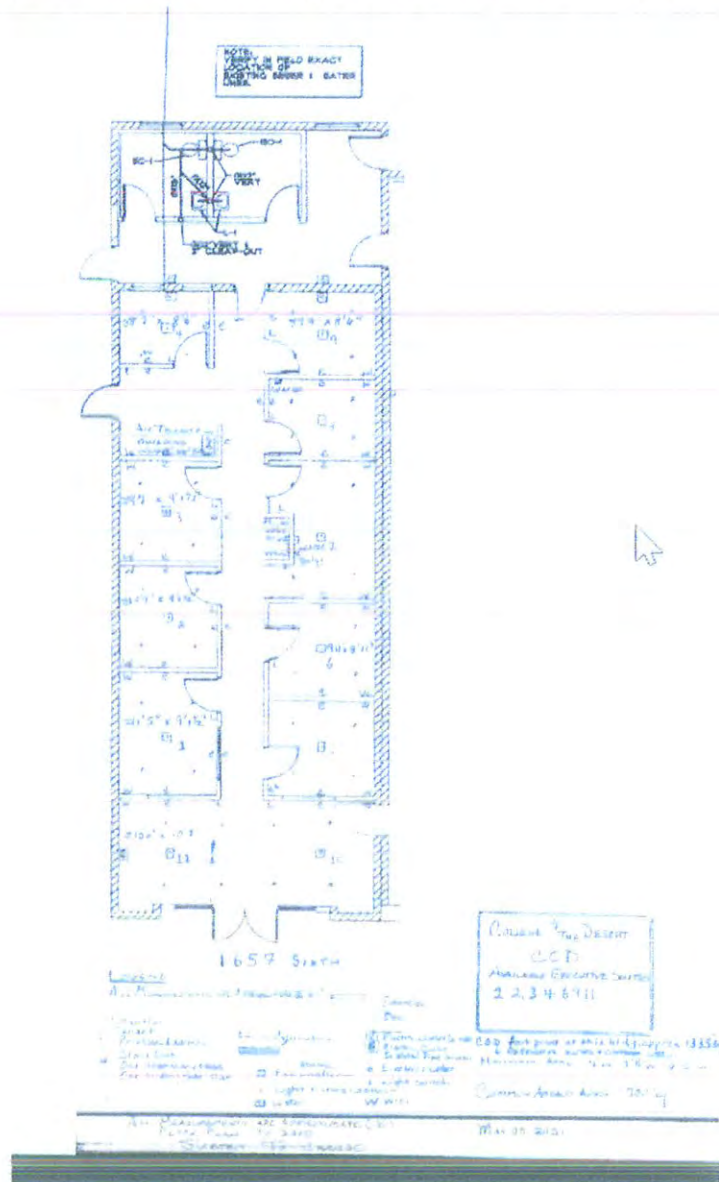
Front Elevations
Building 1 and Building 2
along 6th Street



6TH STREETSCAPE FACADE UPGRADE

# 1639	#1645	#1657	#1669
2,300 SF	750 SF	2,200 SF	2,300 SF

Thomas Offices/Office Spaces Available for College of the Desert to Lease (Spaces 1,2,3,4,6,9,11). Bldg. 2.



Gonzalez Property: Vine Street (between 4th and 5th Streets)

- Various small structures owned by Mr. Gonzalez that face Vine Street and the City Veteran's Memorial Park behind the Civic Center on Sixth Street.
- Proximate to City Library, Civic Center and in the heart of the historic downtown core.
- Property of interest for lease faces Sixth Street and the Park at 722 Vine Street.
- The property is reportedly the site of a former union office that housed Cesar Chavez.
- There are two side by side large rooms each with a small non-ADA compliant restroom and not connected internally. (16' * 30' * 2) = approximately 960 s.f. Owner reports that he could make the two identical halves of the building connected internally by a door and that most likely the restrooms will need to be gutted and enlarged to be ADA compliant. He also believes the outside access into the facility will need to be modified to make slopes, transitions and door widths ADA compliant. This looks to me like it may cost as much as \$50,000. A review of the conditions, development of a scope of work by an architect and professional cost estimator would be wise. There is new air conditioning (split system) for each of the two spaces. Parking would be street parking. The internal courtyard area is conceived as a future small business outdoor food court with a park like or town square feeling with small food venues surrounding a common outdoor area.
- The owner "lends" out the two spaces for City meetings and functions, and local not-for-profits, such as "one stop immigration services", artists and musicians. I do not believe he is charging rent.
- The interior finishes and conditions inside are rustic. Very little natural light. High degree of street visibility.
- Nearby structures on the block are in fair condition and most are unoccupied or temporarily occupied.
- The city owns a corner lot parcel kitty corner on Vine Street.
- There are some adjacent neighbors/residences on 4th Avenue.
- The owner is not interested in selling the parcel.
- E-Mail received May 5, 2021: "We are excited at the possibility of being able to provide a space for COD students. We are willing to work with you in whatever way necessary to provide space and realize the possibility. I am available to answer any additional questions that your group may have."
- Contact: Jesus Gonzalez, President, Coachella Properties LLC., 84255 Airport Blvd Thermal. 760-766-6233.

Available City Properties

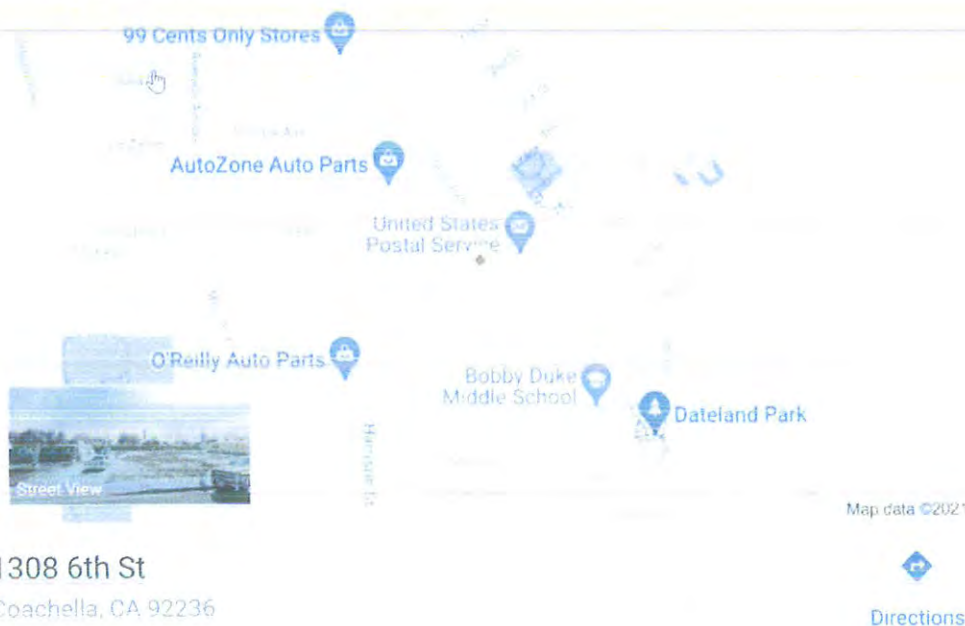
“Property 14” at 1308 6th Street, Coachella CA 92236. APN: 778-093-005. This is the 1st of two (2) contiguous vacant parcels (Property Nos. 14 and 15) that are located on 6th Street. The zoning is C-G (General Commercial) and the General Plan supports “Commercial and High Density Residential Mixed Use”.

“Property 15” 6th Street, Coachella CA 92236. APN: 778-110-001. This is the 2nd of two (2) contiguous vacant parcels (Property Nos. 14 and 15) that are located on 6th Street. The zoning is C-G (General Commercial) and the General Plan supports “Commercial and High Density Residential Mixed Use”.



Between Date Avenue and Palm Avenue. Between 6th and 7th Streets in downtown Coachella.

Source” City Staff/Tierra West Advisors, Inc.



Year	Month	Day	From	To	CC'd	Subject	Description	File Number
2021		2	24 Tony Aguilar	Steven Hernandez		Evening College	CoD will coordinate for adult school expansion, pilot "Evening College" with new grant money	
2021		4	6 Annabelle Nery	Steven HernandezGabriel Martin			Wants 3 "side by side" downtown retail spaces after exec. cabinetg meeting	
2021		4	12 Gabriel Martin	Jesus Gonzalez			Martin gives Gonzalez Nery's contact info. Said he already gave Nery his contact info.	
2021		4	20 Jesus Gonzalez	Annabelle Nery	Gabriel MartinSteven	COD Property lease (Gonzalez, Coachella)	Gonzalez raises idea that CoD leases his properties across the street from the Coachella Veterans Park.	
2021		4	20 Annabelle Nery	Jesus Gonzalez	Gabriel MartinSteven	COD Property lease (Gonzalez, Coachella)	Nery: "Yes, we are interested in leasing multiple properties."	
2021		5	4 Steven Hernandez	Calvin CreeLuis Lopez (Coachella)			[CoD] needs to get the whole block and not just part of it. Please work with them." NOTE: CoD met with Cree this day.	203
2021		5	5 Julia Breyer	Jesus GonzalezGabriel MartinSteven Hernandez		COD Property lease (Gonzalez, Coachella)	Arranging walk through of Gonzalez properties w/ Ruban Perez Jeff Baker — couldn't make it (quarantined) Nery Ramont White Later included: McGinnis, Hunter 772 Vine Street, Coachella, CA 92236	20
2021		5	11 Annabelle Nery	Steven HernandezJim Anderson (Chelsea Investment Co.)Walter Heiberg (Chelsea Inv Coachella development)			Discuss affordable housing for homeless college students	31
2021		5	13 Steven Hernandez	Coachella city staff		Coachella development	Hernandez wants meetings with COD & other agencies to discuss long-term vision for Coachella downtown. "What type of downtown do we want to become?" Mentions 8-5 type like Riverside or 8-8 weekday, 8-10/12pm weekends like Pasadena. 24 hour downtowns: New York	7
2021		6	8 John Ramont	John White		Old Coachella Library	"Because of the acute drop in enrollments for Fall, we are looking to try to establish a presence in Coachellas as soon as possible. Can you reach out to the City and see if they would give us access to the Old Library to set up space for student services and a computer lab?"	5
2021		6	9 Gabriel Martin	Steven HernandezMaritza Martinez		Old Coachella Library	Martin, who spoke with John White, notifies Hernandez that COD wants to use Old Library	5
2021		7	7 Annabelle Nery	Steven HernandezMaritza Martinez	Gabriel Martin	Old Coachella Library	Nery says College "is interested" in paying for \$21,918.42 worth of audio/visual improvements to Old Coachella Library	2

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AGENDA

Palm Springs Development Project – Administration Update

ZOOM MEETING

April 7, 2021 | 2:00pm

- Updates on Project Development (meeting about architecture)
- Schematic Design Timeline
- Deeper review of Hotel/Culinary Business
- Information Gathering on Partnerships
- BOT presentation

Palm Springs Development Project – Administration Update

ZOOM MEETING

April 7, 2021 | 2:00pm

Adkins shared the meeting occurred as a Work around JW

Potentially involve Nery and Hunter

Or switch to another meeting source

VPs do not have updates from these meetings

Adkins shared group needs to do a better job at community

Baker wants to create more efficiency and may change the structure

Ramont needs to be involved. Zacovic minimal involvement due to departure in December 2021

Baker – focus on partners and projects

Way above \$3Million

Tighten partnerships

Maybe move forward with accelerator space. Strategically think



Baker briefed them on focus on Coachella. PExex and Wilson on board.

Mac Asked to pull committee together for to review projects. Baker agreed may need to do that and go back to phases.

Focus on learning experience first for students.

Nery and Hunter involved heavily to drive Instruction Avenue.

CVEP collaboration looks positive. Hunter and Adkins met with him 4/8/21

Baker requested Adkins to memorize it to move forward.

Baker shared to be mindful of DSPS services and access to those students who may require more.

Adkins explained current

Wendy Durass – inland health care consortium – she will invite COD to attend. Met with Courtney too.

- Updates on Project Development (meeting about architecture)
- Schematic Design Timeline

Robert provided a brief outline.

Pull everyone in and be strategic. Cabinet was very concerned about the cost of the project. Not sure the College can swing it.

★ McGinnis shared he felt the long range development plan would be hard to visualize without the discussions. Understands and hears clearly about the Board. They were concerned about direction of a lot of money flooding into PS projects.

★ Baker briefed the team about meeting with the mayor of Coachella. Shared Coachella will be a huge growth area and is being built to be walkable.

Downtown building space. Adult School.

★ Supervisor Perez wants to meet with Baker next.

Executive Cabinet is fully on board.

Reviewing all pieces involved.

★ Strongest thing Baker can do to support the project is to drive Coachella. It's important. Will be his focus for the next 5 months.

★ Perez is involved, Baker placed him in front.

Adkins shared about formulating a capital campaign. Behind the times on that. Kinnamon was trying to find a way then COVID hit.

★ Baker shared Coachella is confidential.

Did we ever get a list from Joel? Breyer confirmed no. He is still working on it.

Adkins shared working on a business plan for culinary.

Budget Overview

- Considers the overall development as individual buildings
- Each building cost includes all project elements:
 - Site Development and Utilities
 - Landscaping and Parking
 - Construction Costs
 - Soft Costs: design, engineering, surveying, insurance, inspections, etc.
- PV (Solar) Panels included as a line item as well, even though they aren't a "building"
- "Per Square Foot" cost is based on the total cost for each building

Rauscher provided overview of project elements.

Face value

Budget Overview

Program Element	Const. Cost	Total Cost	\$/SF
• Accelerator:	\$128,470,056	\$183,528,652	\$1,410/sf
• Culinary Inst:	\$23,768,828	\$33,955,468	\$1,379/sf
• Learning Hotel:	\$88,135,934	\$125,908,477	\$1,479/sf
• M&O Facilities:	\$1,362,735	\$1,946,764	\$579/sf
• Event Center:	\$19,173,106	\$27,390,151	\$1,182/sf
• PV Panels:	\$3,785,900	\$5,408,428	\$32/sf
• Total:	\$264,696,559	\$378,137,940	

Single page document noting total cost of the bond

At a glance view of where we are for each project

Baker shared it still adds to the total cost no needs one page document to review everything as a whole.

McGinnis shared that have a spreadsheet created. May be resourceful for Baker to review.

Baker shared he just wants a one page document. Longer things go on, construction costs change.

Rauscher confirmed he can create.

- Deeper review of Hotel/Culinary Business
- Information Gathering on Partnerships
- BOT presentation

Hard definition to WRNS soon. Not advisable for complete schematic design without thinking through.

Possibly pause for a month till the District can review and see where they want to put their resources.

How much do we want to spend in Coachella, Indio, Palm Desert Campus, Mecca/Thermal, etc.

Baker shared Mecca/Thermal may be public safety or something towards the observatory.

Baker requested a meeting to be scheduled with Nery/John/Pam and this group. He will talk to Executive Cabinet next Tuesday.

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Roadrunner Motors Program to Seek New Facility Location

October 27, 2021

After careful consideration, College of the Desert will evaluate alternative locations for the Roadrunner Motors program. The decision to choose a new site for its upgraded automotive and advanced transportation facility comes after a fiscal review determined costs at the planned location are exorbitantly higher than previously anticipated.

"I take my responsibility for managing dollars entrusted to us by the community very seriously," said Superintendent/President Martha Garcia, Ed.D. "It's important to understand how the decisions we make today can affect us financially five, ten, or even twenty years from now. I am committed to ensuring that we remain responsible with public dollars."

The project, which was slated to be built in Cathedral City, consists of an automotive and advanced transportation facility featuring a modernized lab and classrooms. The design intends to keep the College programming current with the rapidly changing industry, including cutting-edge technology and emerging innovations.

Roadrunner Motors' courses provide industry training and skills and create a pipeline for jobs in the region, connecting students to local opportunities.

College of the Desert is committed to identifying possible site alternatives and will provide location recommendations in the coming months.

"We believe strongly in the Roadrunner Motors concept and are confident we will find a solution that furthers the interest of our students," added Garcia.

College of the Desert is dedicated to long-term planning and financial accountability while meeting the community's needs and building a strong, vital, and resilient Coachella Valley.

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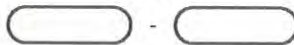
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CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

May 21, 2021

1. **Negotiations/Personnel Matters (VPs & Michael Travis)**
(Reference Document from Julia's Email)
2. **Property (Baker/VPs/Andreas Chialtas)**
 - A. Camelot/McCallum
 - B. Campus Expansion – Coachella
 - C. ReadOut/Approval to enter into a lease and purchase agreement for
3. **City of Palm Desert**
Plans to launch fireworks from a grassy area on campus. No community.....just the few employees who will be responsible for the fireworks.
4. **COVID-19 Update**
 - A. Only campus uncommitted for Athletics. June vote to return 2021-22!
(Reference Document from Julia's Email)
 - B. Emergency Resolution . . . Dissolve (15% MOU CSEA)
5. **KESQ Upcoming Article/Television**
Is the Board comfortable discussing . . .
6. **Superintendent/President Search Process Update (Stan Carrizosa, CCSS Consultant)**
*Reminder, excuse yourself from Closed Session and Zacovic to join.

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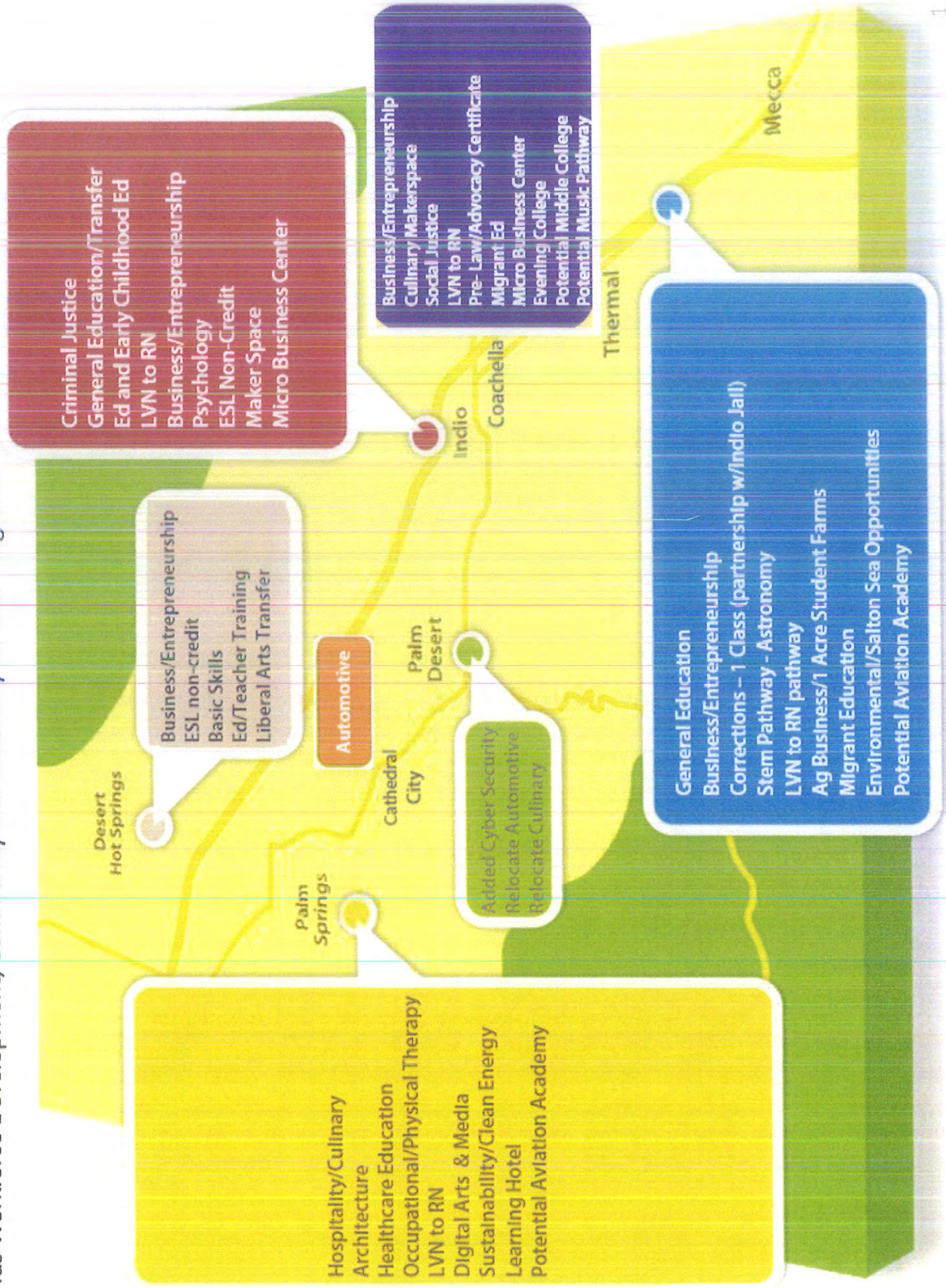
Expansion Programs and Projects Update

Board of Trustees

June 24, 2021

Programs – Working Assumptions 2021

Plus Workforce Development, Community and University Partner Programs



East Valley Projects

Indio Campus Expansion Milestones

Feb 2014 New Indio

Campus opens

Nov 2019 City

consolidation of 11 downtown

parcels clears the way for

next phase expansion

Feb 2020 Design plans submitted to
state architect for review

Next Steps

- Awaiting state architect approval to go out to bid
- Groundbreaking will occur thereafter
- 18-24 month construction period
- Opening late 2023/early 2024



West Valley Projects

A Process



Palm Springs Campus Milestones

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May 2019	Abandoned mall demolition
Spring 2020	Campus Master Plan completed
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Current	Estimated two years design + two years construction = phase 1 opening 2025

Next Steps

- Complete preliminary cost estimates
- Board update TBD



Central Valley Projects



Palm Desert Campus Renovations

- Athletic Facilities
- Science Building

Next Steps

- Exploration of additional outdoor learning spaces
- Board Update TBD



Relocation Projects In Process



Automotive Program Relocation

- Site acquisition
- Preliminary site work and engineering
- Program relocation planning underway

Next Steps

- Finalize preliminary cost estimates
- Board update TBD



West Valley Projects

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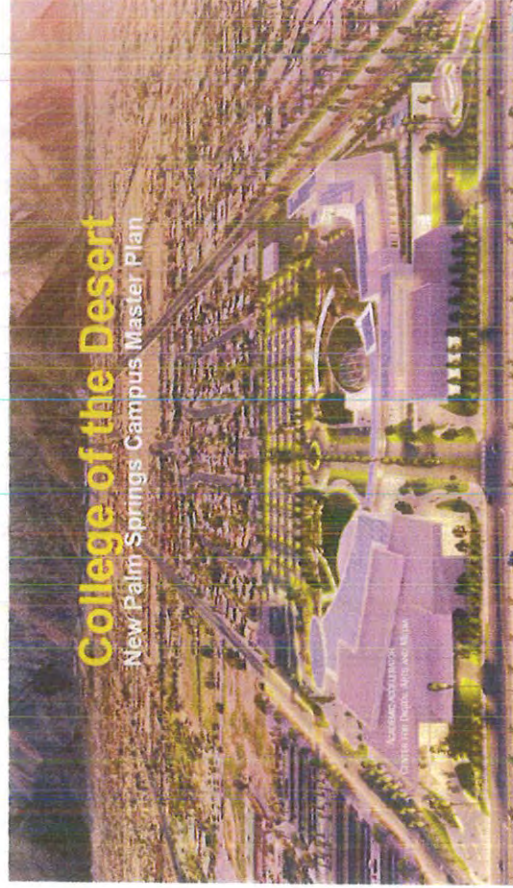


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**Re: College of the Desert's Due Diligence Notice; Notice of Termination of Escrow;
Order No. OSA-6718019 (mwhp);
Property: Approximately 37,500 square feet of property located in the City of
Coachella at 6th Street, between Tripoli Way and Date Avenue APNs: 778-113-001
and 002**

Dear All:

Our firm serves as legal counsel to College of the Desert ("College"), in connection with that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement dated October 27, 2021 ("Purchase Agreement") by and between Rosa Sue Lucas Living Trust ("Seller") and Buyer, as amended. Pursuant to this letter, College hereby elects to terminate the Purchase Agreement pursuant to Section 2.3 of the Purchase Agreement, which provides (in pertinent part) as follows:

College shall notify Seller and Escrow Holder in writing (the "College's Due Diligence Notice") on or before the expiration of the Due Diligence Period of College's approval or disapproval of the Due Diligence Materials, the condition of the Property and College's investigations with respect thereto. College's disapproval of any of said items shall constitute College's election to terminate this Agreement and cancel the Escrow.

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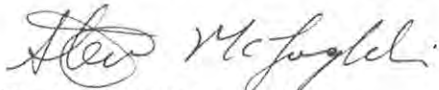
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The District sincerely appreciates all parties' efforts during this transaction. Please contact the undersigned with any questions and/or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUUD & ROMO



Stephen M. McLoughlin

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From: John White
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Martha Garcia
Cc: Armando Robles; Mark Howard
Subject: FW: Palm Springs Development Project Feasibility Study Outline
Attachments: Palm Springs Development Project Feasibility Study Outline 11.30.21.docx; Palm Springs Development Project Real Estate Files - Record Keeping Matrix 11.30.21.pdf

Good Afternoon Dr. Garcia,

Regarding the above captioned matter attached for your review please find the following two documents:

- Palm Springs Development Project Feasibility Study Outline, with notes, and
- Palm Springs Development Project Real Estate Files – Record Keeping Matrix

The second document is a list of Palm Springs Development Project files that predate my employment.

These files have been organized, cataloged and are retained in file cabinets in Admin. Building 1.

We are available for further assistance.

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Feasibility Study Report Outline

1. Executive Summary (Aligned with institutional planning documents)

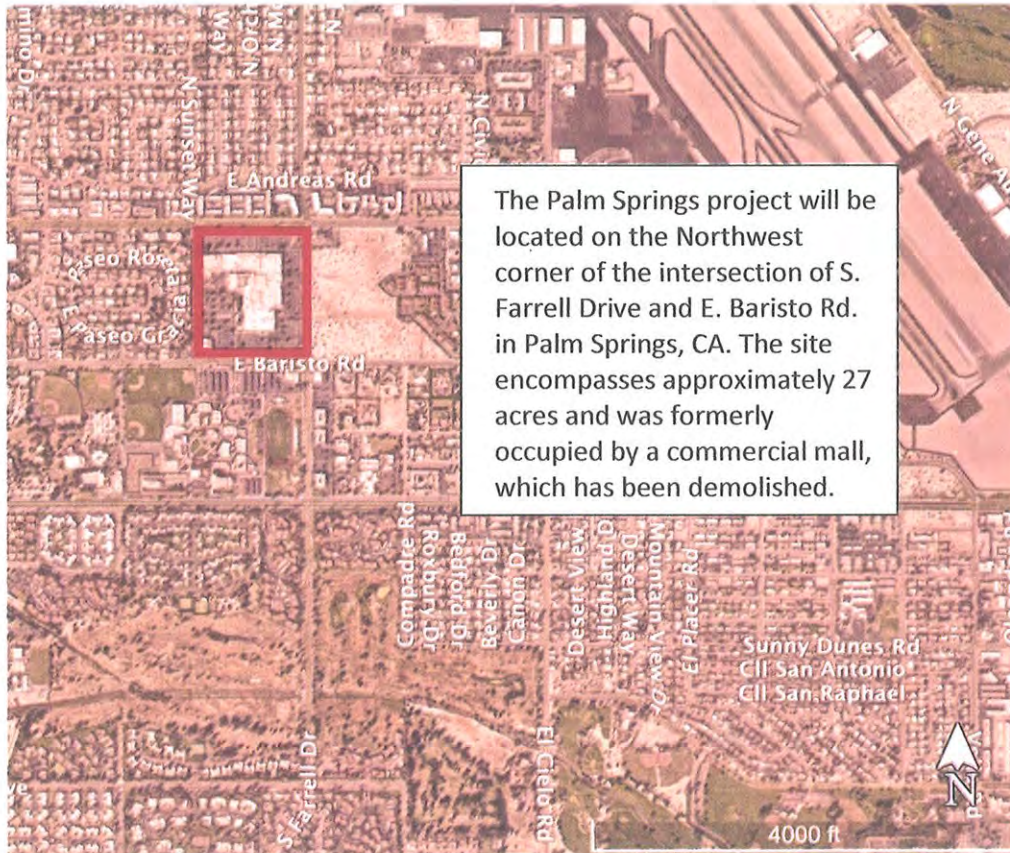
a. Project Description

A Site Development Planner and a Program Master Architect will be brought on board during Fall 2019 to assist with site planning, project design standards, and the basis of design for the first phase of development. Originally completion of the first set of improvements for public use was planned for December 2022, with remaining phases of development becoming available in 2023.

- b. Community Need
- c. Proposed Solution

2. Site Review (What programs/services will the site support)

a. Location



Bond Program and Facilities Planning
November, 30, 2021

The approximately 29-acre site includes the Camelot Theaters, located at the southwest corner of the site. Under private ownership, the theatres are an important venue for the Palm Springs Film Festival and are anticipated to remain in place. A land exchange between the District and the owners of the Camelot Theaters is anticipated to facilitate acquisition of the southeast portion of the site at the corner of Baristo Road and Farrell Drive for college use, in exchange for convenient and contiguous parking for the theatres.

- b. Capacity
 - Outreach Center
 - Comprehensive Center
 - College
- c. Traffic:

Regionally, the future campus is easily accessed from the Interstate 10, north of Palm Springs, via Indian Canyon Drive, N. Gene Autry Trail, or Date Palm Drive. These three streets all intersect with Ramon Road and Vista Chino, which then intersect Farrell Drive, ultimately bringing the students to the campus. From the south and west, students will gain access to the campus via Highway 111, ultimately turning off onto either S. Farrell Drive or E. Tahquitz Canyon Way. Highway 111 connects all of the Desert communities in the Coachella Valley, and is the most convenient way to transfer through the desert community. Signalized access to the site is provided to the northwest corner of the site from Tahquitz Canyon Way, and from Baristo Road directly north of the primary entrance to Palm Springs High. Multiple non-controlled points of driveway access to the site are provided from all surrounding streets. Numerous public transit lines currently serve the site: SunLine Routes 24 and 30, which both connect to Cathedral City; and SunLine Route 14, which serves Desert Hot Springs. The two transit stops that serve the site have full bus turnoffs, along with sunshades and benching for people waiting.

- d. Community Impact

- 3. Needs Assessment (Population Needs)**
 - a. Demographics (5/10/15 mile radius)
 - b. Labor Market
 - c. Enrollment Potential – Cohort Analysis

- 4. Programs of Study (Identify Programs that will be offered at the site)**
 - a. General Education

New facilities will provide a regional workforce innovation center that will educate and train students for 21st century jobs and careers. The Project will provide a collaborative, living and learning environment featuring a variety of teaching and learning opportunities.

- b. Career & Technical Education

Bond Program and Facilities Planning November, 30, 2021

The first phase of development will focus on initial major site development and infrastructure, maker space, and two signature programs: A) Hospitality & Tourism (including Hotel, Restaurant, and Event Space) and B) Digital Media and Broadcasting (Digital Story Telling, Film, Radio and Television).

The second phase of development will focus on a Center of Excellence for Healthcare Education (Healthcare Workforce Training, Wellness, Fitness, and Nutrition); and Sustainability (Preservation, Energy Systems). Delivery of facilities will be aligned with District priorities.

Innovative spaces are planned with open and flexible environments including experiential labs, student commons, special event space, maker space and a high-tech digital accelerator space that will enhance student success. A center of innovation and collaboration, the Project will offer continuing and custom education responsive to all ages.

- c. Support Services
 - Outreach Center
 - Comprehensive Center
 - College

5. Community Engagement (Memorialize service area support)

a. Community

Collaborations with local, regional and national partners will expand offerings and opportunities for students as well as expand and extend the reach and impact of District programs and services. International education programs will be included.

- b. Faculty
- c. Business Leadership

6. Financing Model (Determine both one time and ongoing funding sources)

The Project will make use of Measure CC Bond funding and other resources for special programs, activities, and facilities.

- a. Program of Work
- b. Project Sequencing
- c. Timeline/Benchmarks
- d. Capital Construction
- e. Annual Operating Costs (Total cost of ownership - TCO)

6. Conclusions & Recommendations

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COD Palm Springs on hold pending study

Analysis to take until June; bond committee urges more transparency

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Officials of the Desert Sun expect to take at least another week to complete a "feasibility study" for its Palm Springs campus, according to a report published Monday. The report, which was prepared by a consultant hired by the newspaper, says the study will take at least a month to complete and will be completed by June. The report also says the newspaper is currently in the process of reviewing the study and will be making a decision on whether to proceed with the project by the end of the year.

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MURAL HONORS HUERTA

Cocheffs unveiled a mural celebrating longtime civil rights activist Dolores Huerta on Wednesday at the corner of Vine and Ninth streets. The mural was created by David Ramirez Aguilar and Honore Huerta and her work advocating for immigrants, female and worker rights. Among the most notable of Huerta's achievements was co-founding the National Farmworkers Association with Cesar Chavez. Huerta, 90, attended the event and signed posters for admirers and was recognized by officials including Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, right.



Airport adds temporary parking lots for holidays

PSP hopes to avoid repeat of Thanksgiving weekend overflow

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Palm Springs International Airport is expanding its parking capacity and temporarily adding temporary parking lots to parking at the airport for Christmas and New Year's weekend to prevent the airport's parking lots from filling up as they do over the Thanksgiving weekend. The airport reported around 7.5 million Thanksgiving weekend parking lot usage. The airport is adding temporary parking lots to parking at the airport for Christmas and New Year's weekend to prevent the airport's parking lots from filling up as they do over the Thanksgiving weekend.

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Dionne Warwick talks Twitter ahead of concert

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Dionne Warwick made a surprise visit to Twitter to promote her upcoming concert. She shared a video of her performance and thanked her fans for their support. Warwick is set to perform at the Palm Springs Convention Center on December 18th. She will be performing her greatest hits and new music.

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CVRep's Celona to retire
CVRep's Celona is retiring after 20 years of service. She has been a dedicated employee and has made significant contributions to the company. Her retirement is effective at the end of the year.

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Holiday caution urged amid omicron surge

The health department is urging caution during the holiday season as the omicron variant of COVID-19 spreads. Officials advise people to wear masks, avoid large gatherings, and get vaccinated. The surge in cases is expected to continue through the end of the year.

Bardem to receive award

Actor Javier Bardem will receive the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Drama for his role in "Dune". He is being honored for his exceptional performance and contribution to the film industry. The award ceremony will take place in January.

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COD to spend \$1.5M on broadband for east valley

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College of the Desert is investing nearly \$1.5 million in broadband infrastructure to provide wireless service to its eastern Coachella Valley.

The board of trustees voted 5-0 Friday to approve two contracts that will provide internet capacity for students as far as North Shore and Red Rock City and to distribute 1,000 laptops for the district's most high-speed internet.

The contracts are with Pacific Light Tower, Inc., an internet provider based in Palm Desert that has a proven track record providing that service to several Mountain View and San Marcos in the Valley and Red Rock City, according to the college.

Pacific Light Tower contracts include the Desert Valley Unified School District, the Coachella Valley Unified School District, San Marcos Unified and the Imperial County Office of Education.

The same contractors by the college will expand Pacific Light Tower internet service to provide 1,000 students with devices for access to the internet at a cost of \$550 per device. The school district will provide the devices and students will provide the internet service.

David Rasmussen, vice president of internet services, said the investment in the college's infrastructure that will allow the board's students to access the internet from their homes.

For students to enroll in and complete classes.

Economic college enrollment has been declining statewide during the pandemic and COVID-19 pandemic.

The board voted to allocate for the contracts to be awarded to a later date and expand the scope of the broadband network and if the network expansion would be for research for students to complete online courses.

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COD learning hotel consultant dismissed

Project has been central to the plan for college's stalled Palm Springs campus

Jonathan Horvitz
Palm Springs Desert Sun
USA TODAY NETWORK

The lead industry consultant for the proposed College of the Desert learning hotel, industry initiative and event center planned for the new Palm Springs campus was laid off last Friday and told his job "has been eliminated."

Doug Watson said he had been a full-time consultant on former COD projects since November 2009. He worked for

MAAS Companies, Inc., which has overseen the college's capital construction projects since 2006.

Watson, who has more than 20 years of experience working in the hotel industry including as a vice president for Ritz-Carlton, said he was hired by MAAS per the recommendation of former COD Superintendent/President Earl Kincaid's office and the MAAS lead project team to ensure the college's learning hotel would meet industry standards through best designing and

planning. He said his position was created to last through the completion of the West Valley campus.

The dismissal of Watson comes weeks after Palm Springs leaders began expressing concern that plans for the campus at the site of the old Palm Springs Mall have stalled and that COD leaders have been incommunicative about their intentions for the project.

COD bought the property, which has mostly been abandoned since 2003, for \$22 million in 2008. At that time, the col-

lege said it would begin construction on a new west valley campus by 2023 that would offer programs focused on hospitality and culinary arts, digital media and film, sustainable technologies and architecture, including a potential joint five-year architecture program offered in partnership with Cal Poly, Pomona.

Construction was to be financed by a bond measure approved by voters.

Garcia told The Desert Sun in November that there is "definitely a commitment" to moving forward with a campus in Palm Springs. However, she

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Why hasn't Thermal Beach Club broken ground yet?

Tom Coulter
Palm Springs Desert Sun
USA TODAY NETWORK

More than a year after plans were approved for the Thermal Beach Club, a luxury resort that would include a 20-acre golf course and more than 300 high-end homes in the eastern Coachella Valley, the project has yet to break ground — and its development timeline could hinge on what owners are able to surmounting complexities.

The luxury resort, which won approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in October 2020, has been stalled for development in a corner of Rock Ranch, a sprawling golf and resort development south of Interstate 78 and north of Avenue 66 in Thermal.

But since that meeting, little has changed at the site. A sign providing notice of the October 2020 public hearing still sits along Avenue 66, now with graffiti covering part of it, and no building permits have been submitted as far as the project in the works by Whitetail Development.

While still expected to move forward, the project has not advanced in recent months, partially due to an issue repeatedly raised in public meetings: Whether the project further amplifies economic inequality in the east valley, where the median household income — roughly \$30,000 — is less than half of the median countywide, according to American Community Survey data.

In the build-up to Thermal Beach Club's approval:

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HOLIDAY FLAIR



Students from Peter Penickton Elementary School perform during Coachella's holiday parade on Friday. Coachella combined its holiday parade with a celebration of its 75th anniversary, which is Monday. The parade began at Cesar Chavez Street and Westerfield Way and ended at Veterans Park, where people enjoyed music from a live DJ, carnival rides and food from local vendors.

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Giant Forest to reopen

Sequoia National Park reopened its Giant Forest area on Saturday, three months after a devastating wildfire prompted extraordinary efforts to protect the grove. AP/ILLUSTRATION

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Doctors see signs omicron milder than delta variant

As cases of the omicron variant continue to rise, doctors in South Africa are reporting some hints among infected patients. Those diagnosed with the omicron variant are showing less severe symptoms than patients diagnosed with the delta variant. However, data shows the omicron variant is more transmissible than delta. AP

Palm Springs redistricting

The Palm Springs City Council earlier has set before an initial draft map of new council district boundaries, but more changes are expected and public input will be solicited in the coming weeks. AP

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Is COD's west valley plan a legal use of funds?

Bond lawyer raises question about planned \$345.5M Palm Springs campus

Jonathan Horvath
The Desert Sun Staff Writer

A bond lawyer on Friday raised questions about whether funding of the new \$345.5 million campus at the long-defunct site of the former California State Office Building in the west valley is a legal use of funds.

But projects that are not in the state's budget, such as the new campus, are not eligible for funding from the state's general fund, the lawyer said. The state's general fund is the only source of funding for the state's general fund.

Horvath's comments, a bond lawyer who previously worked with COD from 2009 to 2019, said he had not previously been involved with the project.

During the college's last meeting, it was not clear that general obligation bond money could be used for educational purposes without "making a public use of it."

The question, whether a primary program and learning tool, and a private development project for the design firm, and the amount of the state's general fund, the level of public safety, associated with the COD expansion, are not clear.

Horvath said he had asked that over the past few years, whether the state could use the state's general fund to fund the project, but he had not received a clear answer.

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VANISHING FLORA

Beloved California desert plants threatened by climate change, thirsty animals

Janet Wilson
The Desert Sun Staff Writer



Veteran desert biologist Jim Corbett was astonished to see a bright yellow and black caterpillar crawling on a spiky cactus plant one late March day. Normally the rare-spined plants would not be considered food during the rising of all — for those species that are not other creatures.

See DESERT FLORA, Page 16A

Indio man is facing murder, torture charges in infant's death

Firefighters found 7-month-old not breathing, death penalty possible

Sherry Beck and Christopher Damon
The Desert Sun Staff Writers

An Indio man charged in the suspected homicide and murder of a 7-month-old infant in December is due to court next week.

The 30-year-old man, who is accused of murdering the infant, is being held on suspicion of murder, torture, and the death of a child, and abuse of a corpse or a corpse.

The 7-month-old infant was found in a room in the Indio man's home on Dec. 15, 2021, and was found to be dead.

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US talks with Russia over Ukraine going nowhere

The United States and Russia agreed to hold the annual summit in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on Tuesday, but the talks are going nowhere.

Homecoming for Harris

As a member of the Harris family, Harris is a member of the Harris family. Harris is a member of the Harris family.

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There is a chance that the delivery of the Harris family could be delayed.

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Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report 2015-16

In March 2002, the Sonoma County Junior College District (SCJCD) received voter approval of a \$251.7 million bond measure, commonly referred to as Measure A, to fund capital projects that would equip, repair, renovate, and construct facilities at SRJC. The transformational legacy of this funding can be seen throughout the District in such buildings as the Zumwalt Parking Pavilion, the Frank P. Doyle and Herold Mahoney Libraries, the Lawrence A. Bertolini Student Center, the Phase II construction at the Petaluma Campus, the Shone Farm Equestrian Center, the synthetic turf sports complex, the renovations at Bernard C. Plover and William B. Race Halls, and the construction of the B. Robert Burdo Culinary Arts Center. By the end of 2013-14, the District had come to the end of its major Measure A bond-funded projects. What funding remained was primarily earmarked for the development of additional parking, technology upgrades and instructional equipment replacement.

Although much was accomplished under Measure A, the District still had over \$800 million in identified capital project needs. In November 2014, the SCJCD placed another bond measure, Measure H, before the voters. Similar to Measure A, the \$410 million of Measure H bonds can only be spent on projects that equip, repair, renovate, and construct facilities, or upgrade technology, at SRJC.

In September 2002, the first Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) was convened to provide legally mandated oversight of bond measure funds as the funds are spent on projects to improve the SCJCD. Minutes of all committee proceedings are a matter of public record and may be accessed on the College website at www.santarosa.edu (choose the "Administration" pull-down menu and click on "Committees and Councils").

The CBOC represents broad geographic and civic perspectives. As a result of the approval of Measure H, a decision was made to create a new CBOC that oversaw both the Measure H funds as well as the remainder of the Measure A funds. The then-current committee which included Chair Pam Chanter, Frank Briceno, Michael Coutré, Kerry Mahoney Davison, Charles Judson, Paul Kelley, Nelson Weller, Brett Martinez and Joshua Pinaula, was disbanded, and a new, expanded committee was formed. The now-current CBOC members include Chair Pam Chanter, Frank Briceno, Ernie Carpenter, Michael Coutré, Paul Kelley, Kerry Mahoney Davison, Sue Nelson, Jaime Peñaherrera, Joshua Pinaula, Mark Walsh and Nelson Weller.

It is important for District taxpayers, and all interested citizens, to be assured that public funds are being appropriately expended to improve the college's buildings and instructional equipment. Annual expenditure and performance audits conducted since the beginning of Measure A indicate that all funds have been appropriately expended for purposes authorized by the voters. The District will be issuing its first tranche of the Measure H bonds in November 2016, as the District is near completion of its new Facilities Master Plan (FMP) and is beginning to initiate capital construction.

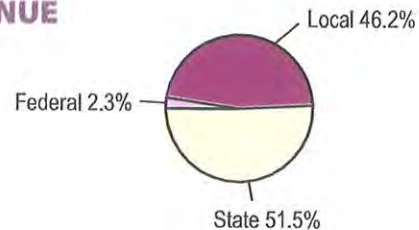
The Oversight Committee has exercised, and continues to exercise, its primary responsibility, that of ensuring that bond expenditures meet the provisions and requirements of the bond measures, Proposition 39 and SCJCD's Board of Trustees' policies and procedures governing the committee's operations. Examples of the specific oversight the committee provided in 2015-16 included:

- ✓ REVIEWED FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS PERFORMED BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2014-15
- ✓ REVIEWED FACILITIES PLANS AND PROJECTS
- ✓ RECEIVED BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS THAT INCLUDE ALL MEASURE A AND MEASURE H-RELATED UPDATES
- ✓ MONITORED FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS TO MEET HEALTH, SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND INSTRUCTIONAL STANDARDS

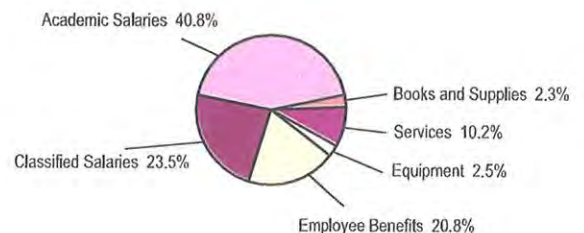
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General Fund Actual Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances for the Fiscal Year July 1 to June 30

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES



REVENUE	2014-15	2015-16
Federal	2,719,694	3,344,831
State	56,953,766	75,783,597
Local	61,267,407	67,971,900
Total	120,940,867	147,100,328

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16
Academic Salaries	53,749,778	56,238,538
Classified Salaries	29,021,173	32,431,415
Employee Benefits	23,721,051	28,730,857
Books and Supplies	3,057,306	3,141,847
Services	10,717,890	14,072,263
Equipment	3,203,990	3,382,021
Total	123,471,188	137,996,941

Excess Revenue Over Expenditures	-2,530,321	9,103,387
Net Other Financing Resources (Uses)	-3,457,868	-3,395,516
Fund Balance July 1	12,274,080	6,285,891
Fund Balance June 30	6,285,891	11,993,762

Note: Figures taken from the 2016-17 Budget Book

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\$20 million B. Robert Burdo Culinary Arts Center set to serve students and public

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Owner/developer: Santa Rosa Junior College

Description: A two story, 22,000-square-foot culinary arts facility across from the main campus of Santa Rosa Junior College will give the culinary arts program room to expand, with several kitchens and a public restaurant and bakery.

Completion: Opens for classes January 2012.

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Architect: BSA Architects

General contractor: Brown Construction

Contractors: Peterson Mechanical, McClure Electric

Engineer: KPFF Consulting Engineers

Project cost: \$20 million

SANTA ROSA -- Students won't be the only ones with cause to celebrate when the doors to Santa Rosa Junior College's new culinary arts facility opens in January: The 22,000-square-foot building will also be serving up food and treats to the public.

Named for B. Robert Burdo, who has served on SRJC's Board of Trustees for over 25 years, the new facility is across the street from the main college campus on Mendocino Avenue.

The first floor of the two-story building will feature a dining room and demonstration kitchen, a teaching kitchen, a classroom, a dining and wine education area, a student lobby and a receiving area, as well as a production bakery, retail bakery, public cafe and restaurant. There will also be an ice cream and chocolate area and a pizza oven.

The second floor will feature two additional classrooms, a second student lobby, a teaching kitchen, faculty offices and a deck. There will also be a parking lot for customers and an outdoor barbecue and patio area.

Built with \$20 million in Measure A bond funds, the new facility could help the college's culinary arts program expand. Michael Salinger, co-chair of the consumer and family studies department, told the North Bay Business Journal in March that those expansions could include certificate categories such as vegetarian cooking, butchery and catering.

"From the beginning, the primary purpose has been to create a state-of-the-art instructional facility with teaching kitchens and spacious classrooms with seating for approximately 72 students," he said in March. "The Burdo Center is also a place where students can hone their hospitality and culinary skills while also learning to manage and operate a working dining establishment

and interact with customers. The objective is to prepare them for entry into a local tourism and hospitality industry generating an estimated \$2 billion a year in local revenue here in Sonoma County."

The structure echoes the architectural heritage of the 93-year-old college, with the brick exterior and tiled roofing common on the main campus. Three main contractors have worked on the project -- Brown Construction, Petersen Mechanical and McClure Electric. BSA Architects designed the building, and KPFF Consulting Engineers was the engineer. Wright Contracting was the construction manager.

Like other buildings on the campus, the center uses a variety of energy and cost-saving approaches. Those include recycled materials used for carpeting, and energy conservation systems that will help the facility to outperform standard energy requirements by five to ten percent.

Plans for the new center began in 2003, the same year that the college leased 5,500 square feet of space in Santa Rosa's Brickyard Center, on the corner of Seventh and B Streets, to make room for the growing program. Students currently take production courses at the Brickyard and introductory courses at the campus's Garcia Hall -- both sides will move to the B. Robert Burdo Culinary Arts Center.

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The image shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, there are two video thumbnails. The left one features Ruben Perez with the text 'RUBEN PEREZ 0:30 / 26:49'. The right one features Joy Silver with the text 'OUTSPOKEN WITH JOY SILVER'. Below the thumbnails, the video title 'Gaslighting West Valley Campus - COD Trustee Ruben Perez' is displayed. The video player controls include a play button, a progress bar, and a volume icon. To the right of the player, there are icons for 'JOY SILVER', a share icon, a download icon, and a settings icon. Below the player, the video title is repeated, followed by the channel name 'COD Uncovered' and a 'Subscribe' button. The channel has 10 subscribers. The video has 271 views and was uploaded on August 17, 2022. The description states that the COD Board of Trustees gaslights Ruben Perez and lists five points: 1. The West Valley Campus was originally to be a 'Liberal Arts Campus'. 2. Board of Trustees have never seen the schematics for the West Valley Campus in its current form. 3. Board of Trustees have never approved the schematics in its current form (technically true, but...). 4. Faculty, Staff, and Students had no input on the educational programming for the West Valley Campus. 5. COD Hotel Management Program is simply 'cooking and cleaning' that nobody wants as they are low-paying jobs. At the bottom, there is a note that the audio comes from 'Outspoken with Joy Silver' podcast on Monday, August 1, 2022.

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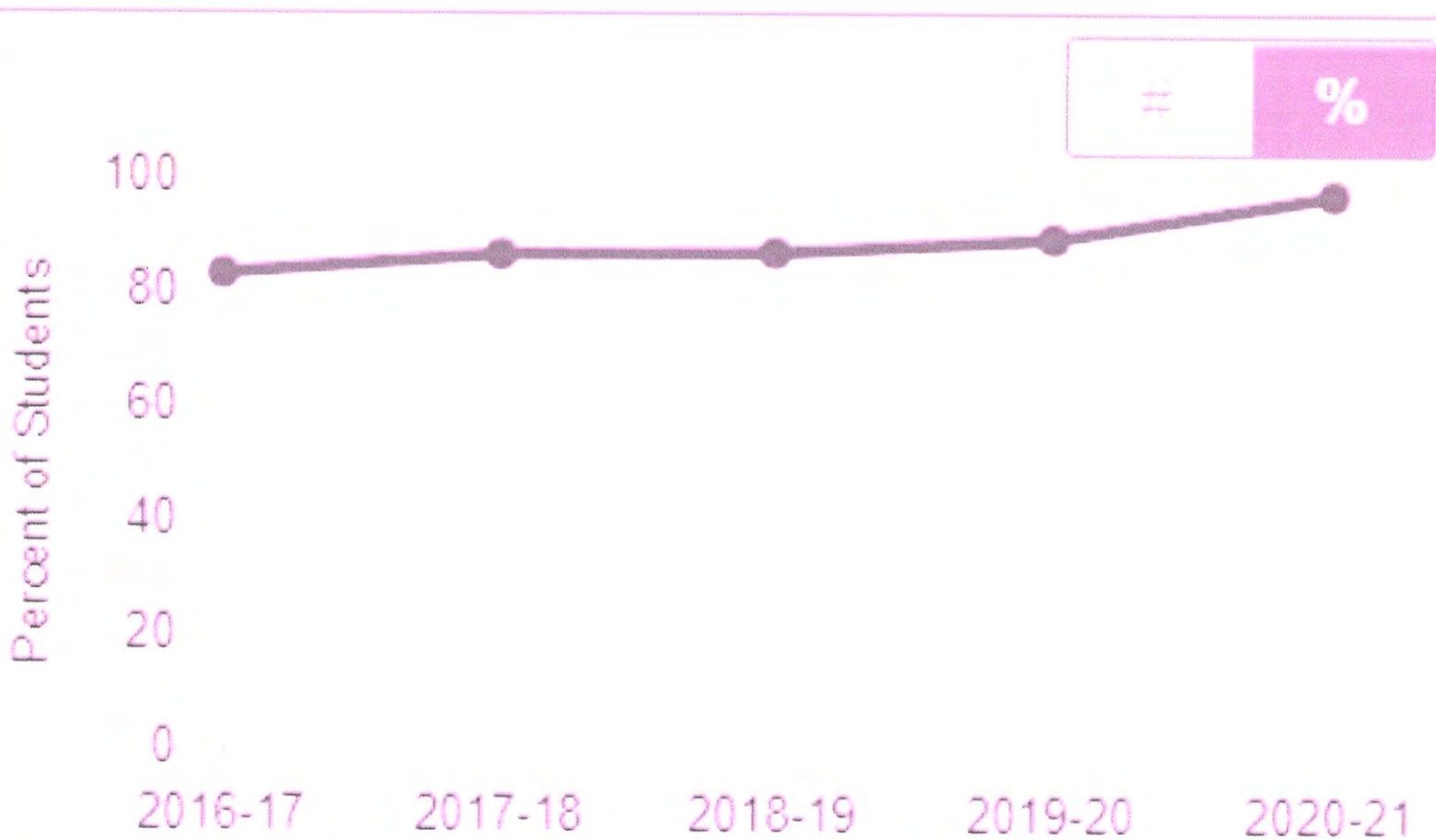
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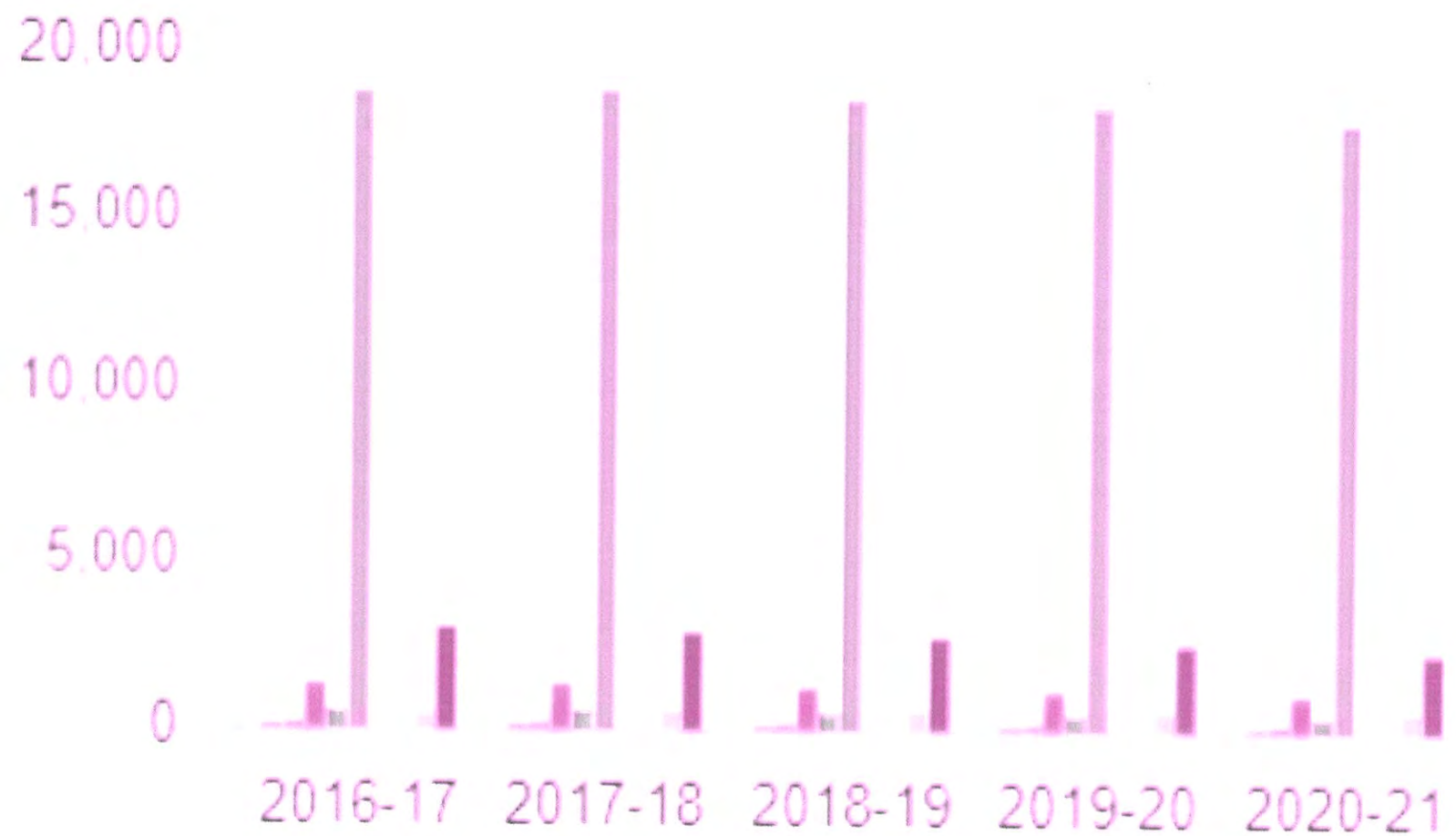
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2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21

Total 83.4 % 86.8 % 87.1 % 89.6 % 97.3 %

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American

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City sues COD to get files released

School dragged feet responding, Palm Springs attorney says

Jessie Hensley
Newspaper Staff Writer
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The City of Palm Springs is suing the California State Office of Education (CDE) for about a dozen years for a lack of cooperation with the California Public Records Act. The law requires public agencies to make public records available upon request in a timely manner. The city says CDE has not done this. Mayor Lisa Madeline announced the suit Monday morning from the steps of City Hall. "The City of Palm Springs on behalf of Coachella Valley taxpayers has repeatedly requested CDE to provide records to their decision making, and we

request CDE could be liable to fund \$1 million in legal operating costs for Palm Springs citizens. We

average from 2016 and 2017 to 2021 and accessible to anyone," Madeline said. "Instead of responding to the requests in a timely manner, we've had a pattern of stalling, evasion and delay," she added. Madeline's appeal comes to the city and Palm Springs has filed a request for public records regarding the CDE's files and has requested the city to request the files. The city's request has been "not only evading but



Palm Springs Mayor Lisa Madeline says College of the Desert "has continued a pattern of stalling, evasion and delay." (USA TODAY NETWORK)

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FLOODING'S TOLL, SEEN FROM ABOVE



Cracks clear the road and mud from Indian Canyon Drive just south of Interstate 81 in Palm Springs on Monday. The low-lying area is part of the Whitewater River and floods often after heavy rains. The road closure will be reevaluated Tuesday. (AP PHOTO/CHRISTOPHER YOUNG)

Chris Stapleton, Kane Brown and Luke Bryan to headline festival

Billie Mearns
Palm Springs Staff Writer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Headline country music fans. The lineup for the 2022 Stagecoach music festival in Henderson, Nev., for its 20th year will be Luke Bryan, Kane Brown and Chris Stapleton. Bryan, who released his final album, "The World Is a Better Place Now," in September, will be the first black headliner in the festival's history and returns the pairing & variety to country music. Other festival highlights include Jon Pardi, 604 Doolittle, Z100, Brooks & Dunn, Ryan Adams and Melissa Etheridge. The festival returns Sept. 29, 2023, at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Tickets range from \$99 to \$2,999. For more information, visit stagecoach.com. See A1A0004, Page 10A

Queen hailed for service

King Charles III and Camilla, the Queen Consort, at an investiture hall, where both Parliament and Monday to prepare their condolences following the death of Queen Elizabeth II this afternoon. (AP)

USA TODAY

Negative view of health care

A majority of voters in the U.S. say that health care is not being well provided in a new poll. Only 18% say it is being provided well. See A1A0004, Page 10A

Borrego Health files bankruptcy, but will keep all clinics open

Erica Stein
Palm Springs Staff Writer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Borrego Community Health Foundation announced Monday that it has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, but will keep all its clinics open — including those in the Coachella Valley — while it negotiates its financial and provides state regulatory services about its filing process. CEO Bob Mathias said "nothing changes" for staff members or patients during the Chapter 11 proceedings. "We don't think we will remain open, we will continue to provide care and patients will not need to change anything as they would any other day," he told The Desert Sun. In the valley, the organization's clinics include its own medical and dental, The Coachella Valley Health, Coachella Valley Community Health Center in Coachella. The chapter 11 filing is the latest in a series of reorganizations that have kept the hospital from becoming

Short-term credit alternatives to CityBuild? Residents are urged to use a temporary loan from the City's loan fund and avoid the long-term CityBuild. See A1A0004, Page 10A