



March 6, 2015

Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County
360 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Pamela Knorr, Chief Administrative Officer
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Re: Economic Development Division, seeking conceptual approval from the Board regarding pursuit of a University of California Davis satellite (or branch campus) in El Dorado County

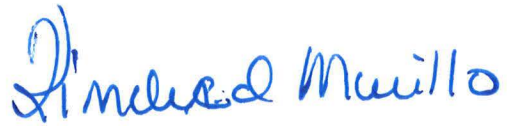
Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the El Dorado County (County) efforts to secure the University of California at Davis (UC Davis) potential branch campus in our county. UC Davis is currently exploring opportunities to expand their presence by establishing branch campuses in regional communities. UC Davis is the top-ranked university in the world for agriculture and one of the top 10 public universities in the nation. El Dorado County could offer a unique and diverse setting for a branch campus. University campuses create jobs and attract high tech businesses and over time, they help in growing a community. A university campus would likely provide a significant amount of economic growth, create job opportunities (both for current and future County residents), offer a local four-year university education opportunity, help to reduce the number of residents leaving the County for educational opportunities, and serve as a spotlight for the unique nature of the County.

The Lake Tahoe Community College District (LTCC) Board of Trustees has directed staff to work with the County to pursue this proposal to secure UC Davis in the County. LTCC has been positioning the college to incorporate a university center to house undergraduate and graduate degree programs on the college's 164 acre campus. This concept was solidified by the \$5.8 million donation to build a stand-alone university center, and the center will be completed in fall of 2018. LTCC administration and faculty are in discussions with UC Davis about potential programs, so we believe the LTCC site should be a consideration for the County to include in the proposal.

Lake Tahoe Community College is pleased to support this important initiative. We believe that an educated citizenry is an integral part of a vibrant local economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kindred Murillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kindred I. Murillo Ed.D.
Superintendent/President
Lake Tahoe Community College