El Dorado County U.C. Davis Steering Committee c/o C. L. Raffety 360 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

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This is our letter to notify you of a recent formation of the El Dorado County U.C. Davis Steering Committee, coordinating an effort to locate a U.C. Davis Extension campus, in El Dorado County.

We think you will agree, if successful, this will be a major benefit to our County, with its rich agricultural history, forests and overall demographics. U.C. Davis curriculum, offers more than that of agricultural and environmental studies, but also, medicine, law, education, biological science and engineering. Many local individuals, join the list of very impressive, U.C. Davis graduates

Conversations, are ongoing with county school administrators, who are looking at the possibility of cooperative use of lands and/or facilities. Parents and students will benefit from having a 4-year college, right in their own backyard. The Committee has identified acreage that could be suitable and obtainable for such a facility.

A University campus, would have a positive economic impact, for our county. In Northern California, U.C. Davis generates \$6.9 billion in annual economic activity, accounting for 69,000 jobs. A campus, would entice High Tech and medical industries, to locate operations in our business parks, that could offer new, high paying jobs. New revenue for economic stability, is so needed at this time.

On Tuesday, March IO, the steering Committee, will be making a presentation to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, seeking their vote of approval to proceed with this effort and hopefully authorizing the assistance of county staff, to provide, information and statistics that would be included for future presentations to the U.C. Davis project manager.

We are asking for your letter of support, to include in our packets of information, for the Board and U.C. Davis. It would be greatly appreciated, if you could attend the Board meeting scheduled for March 10th, as well as contact any friends or organizations, who would also support, in writing, this Committee's effort.

The Committee believes this proposed campus, is a win, win for all county residents. Working together, we can support and welcome a project that benefits families, their children, agricultural community, schools and the overall health and welfare of El Dorado County.

Thanking you in advance, for your assistance and consideration on this matter. We also welcome any suggestions you might want to offer. If you have any questions, please contact, Cherie Raffety, at 621-5803 or email <u>taxclr@edcgov.us.</u>

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