



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

September 19, 2006

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Budget Allocation from the Mayor's Office for UC/CSU Host Cities Conference on Housing and Transportation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the expenditure of \$750.00 in FY07 funds from the Mayor's Office budget for co-sponsorship of the UC-CSU Host Cities joint conference with the campuses - "Bridging the Town-Gown Divide: Issues in Transportation and Housing" to be held on October 12, 2006 at UC Davis.

BACKGROUND:

A rather extraordinary conference, the result of a unique collaboration between the California League of Cities, and the UC, the CSU, AICCU is scheduled to take place on the UC Davis campus. As co-chairs of the UC-CSU Host Cities group of mayors and city managers organized in coordination with the League of California Cities, Mayor Bates and Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge will co-sponsor the October 12th conference.

This conference is an outgrowth of our UC-CSU Host Cities conversations held over the last couple of years about issues of mutual interest - specifically housing and transportation management. Subsequent to our conversations, then Rohnert Park Mayor Jake Mackenzie approached Chancellor Vanderhoef at UC Davis about hosting a discussion of campus/city issues. We are pleased that Chancellor Vanderhoef has agreed to join with us by hosting this conference and providing space and logistical support. This event will allow city officials and campus representatives to participate together in a forum to explore these topics and look for new ways of working together.

The October 12th conference will focus on "best and promising practices" in the areas of housing and transportation providing attendees with a "cutting edge" perspective of innovations in campus/city relationships. A series of panels and invited speakers will address these areas and describe their experiences and successes in addressing a number of issues related to transportation and housing. The conference audience will include local elected officials, campus leadership, and city and campus administrators.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: \$750 from the Mayor's FY 2007 office budget (no impact on the general fund.)

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