

**AGENDA
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CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 16, 2025
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Richard A. Daniels, Interim City Manager *[Signature]*
PREPARED BY: Veronica L. Alvarado, City Clerk *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Ratification of Letter of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending for Community Funded Projects – Imperial Valley Nursing Expansion.

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Recommendation:

Approval of Ratification of Letter of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending for Community Funded Projects – Imperial Valley Nursing Expansion.

Background:

The California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission adopted criteria for establishing Registered Nurse Shortage Areas (RNSA) using the number of active, licensed registered nurses (RN) and patient volume data. RNSA has designated the Imperial Valley as a critical shortage area for registered nurses. Due to the lack of adequate registered nurses servicing the area, patients who need urgent medical attention are being flown to nearby counties. Policy and planning barriers, training and enrollment barriers, nursing staff turnover factors, and nurses' stress and burnout are some of the factors contributing to the nursing workforce shortage.

Discussion and Analysis:

The City of Calexico is requesting support for an FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending allocation to expand the San Diego State University – Imperial Valley School of Nursing. Once approved, the project will supply essential simulation equipment to equip students for careers in nursing. SDSU graduates will contribute to meeting the critical demand for nurses in their community. Imperial Valley at San Diego State University offers affordable and top-quality nursing education to our community. The program urgently requires expansion at this moment.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Coordinated With:

None

Attachment(s):

- 1. Letter of Support.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1



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March 31, 2025

The Honorable Alex Padilla
The Honorable Adam Schiff
US Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Congressionally Directed Spending for Community Funded Projects – Imperial Valley Nursing Expansion

Dear Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff:

I am writing to ask for your support of an FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation for the expansion of the San Diego State University – Imperial Valley School of Nursing.

The project will provide much-needed simulation equipment to prepare students for the nursing profession. Imperial Valley has been identified as a Critical Registered Nurse Shortage Area reflecting a lack of adequate registered nurses servicing in the area. The SDSU graduates will help to address the dire nursing workforce needs in their community.

San Diego State University – Imperial Valley provides a high quality and affordable nursing education in our community. An expansion of the program is greatly needed at this time.

Sincerely,

Diana Nuricumbo
Mayor
City of Calexico