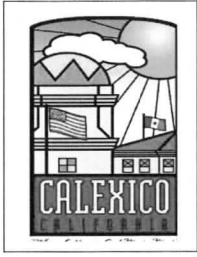


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Diego Favila, Interim City Manager 

PREPARED BY: Diego Favila, Interim City Manager 

SUBJECT: Ratify Letters to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Congressmen Juan Vargas and Raul Ruiz in Support of Imperial Valley College’s Request for Congressionally Directed Funding to Establish a Renewable Energy-Focused Workforce Training Program.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Calexico ratify the enclosed letters to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Congressmen Juan Vargas and Raul Ruiz in support of Imperial Valley College’s request for congressionally directed funding to establish a renewable energy-focused workforce training program.

Background:

Imperial Valley College (IVC) has submitted a request for Congressionally Directed Spending, also known as congressional earmarks, through Imperial County’s congressional representatives (Senators Padilla and Feinstein and Congressmen Vargas and Ruiz) so that IVC can establish a renewable energy-focused workforce training program.

Imperial County currently holds what is likely the largest deposit of lithium anywhere in the U.S., coexisting with large reserves of renewable geothermal energy. Lithium is an essential component of batteries that are used in electric vehicles (EVs), energy storage systems, and related energy grid projects. This new workforce training program at IVC will ensure a local workforce is trained and ready to harness these lithium reserves and support economic growth in Southern California.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no anticipated impact to the City of Calexico’s General Fund.

Attachment(s):

1. Letters of Support for Imperial Valley College Workforce Training Initiative

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608 HEBER AVENUE

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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Imperial Valley College Workforce Training Initiative

Honorable Senator Feinstein,

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Finally, this new workforce training initiative will increase the domestic production of lithium and batteries, ensuring the US does not need to rely on volatile foreign supply chains for this critical resource.

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2342 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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