



# City of Palm Springs

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Mr. Gerald L. Parsky  
Chairman  
University of California Board of Regents  
1111 Franklin Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94607

**RE: Support for the Proposed University of California, Riverside School of Medicine**

Dear Mr. Parsky:

On behalf of the City of Palm Springs, I wish to announce our support of a School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside.

We have a critical shortage of physician training in the State of California. This deficiency in statewide training facilities, in addition to a population explosion in the Inland Empire, makes Riverside County the perfect location for a medical school. U.C. Riverside already offers the first two-years of medical school through the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences. This program would mesh perfectly with a comprehensive school of medicine.

I sincerely support the U.C. Riverside's efforts to obtain a medical school and urge the Regents of the University of California to also support the efforts of U.C. Riverside.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Oden, Mayor

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