

RESOLUTION NO. 06-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE (UCR) FOR A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

WHEREAS, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties represent the fastest growing region in the State with four million people and 17% of the State's geography which equates to an area larger than ten states of the Union; and

WHEREAS, UC Riverside is the only comprehensive public doctoral research university in the region, making it a critical resource for the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, the need for a medical school in the Inland Southern California region is apparent as the two county area of San Bernardino and Riverside is projected to have a shortfall of physicians by the year 2015 equal to approximately 1,100 physicians; and

WHEREAS, the region also has the lowest number of primary care and specialist physicians per 100,000 in the State; and

WHEREAS, studies show that 70% of physicians stay in the area where they served their residencies; and

WHEREAS, a UC Riverside School of Medicine will be the first new public school of medicine west of the Mississippi in the 21st Century and the first research-based school of medicine in California in nearly a half a century; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, UC Riverside has provided the first two-years of medical school through the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences; and

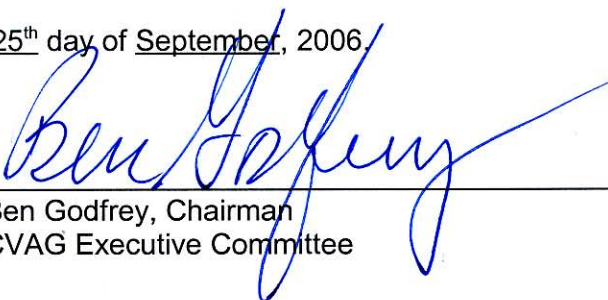
WHEREAS, a UC Riverside School of Medicine would partner with regional hospitals and clinics for its clinical programs; and

WHEREAS, a UC Riverside School of Medicine would encourage high-tech start-up companies and attract others to the region, potentially impacting economic development in the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments urges local and state legislators, Regents of the University of California to also support the efforts of UC Riverside for a School of Medicine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS HEREBY DECLARE AND RESOLVE THAT CVAG SUPPORTS AND ENDORSES THE EFFORTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE FOR A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of September, 2006.



Ben Godfrey, Chairman
CVAG Executive Committee