

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF REBUILDING, RENOVATIONS, AND UPGRADES TO COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley High School (“CVHS”) is a public high school in the Coachella Valley Unified School District (“District”) located at 83-800 Airport Boulevard in Thermal, California;

WHEREAS, CVHS is a historical gem established in 1910. By 1939, the student body had outgrown the space and an auditorium and administration buildings were constructed with bond financing and grant funding. New classrooms, a music and arts building, a swimming pool, basketball courts, parking area, lunch area, gymnasium, and mini-gym were added in the 1950s. In the 1990s, a new football stadium, cafeteria, and new shade structure were built. In the late 1990s and early 2000s a new state of the art library and new all-weather track were built. In 2014 a new state of the art pool replaced the old pool was added to help support aquatics in the community;

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned improvements have significantly enhanced the school, but most CVHS facilities are over 70 years old and many existing buildings and classrooms have not been updated and now require rebuilding and renovation;

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella (“City”) commends the District on their efforts to equip every student with the knowledge, skills, character, and well-being to thrive and encourages the District to rebuild and upgrade CVHS in order to improve the quality of education that the students deserve and attract and retain qualified teachers and staff;

WHEREAS, all City residents benefit from living in a community with good local schools and whether or not residents have school-age children, protecting the quality of our schools will keep our neighborhoods desirable places to live, attract businesses, and increase property values. Public schools offer amenities to the entire community such as athletic and cultural events, educational programs for residents, auditorium space for public meetings and other community group gatherings, and shelter for residents during public emergencies;

WHEREAS, the City requests that the District undertake essential repairs and updates on classrooms and facilities; ensuring CVHS has updated information technology infrastructure, learning technology and science labs, as well as safe, secure campuses to protect students and staff and modern classrooms that will attract and retain the best teachers and staff;

WHEREAS, the City requests that the District upgrade CVHS’s infrastructure and provide renovations to academic facilities ensuring a healthful learning environment for students and faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Coachella, California does hereby request that the District conduct a thorough planning process to identify the rebuilding/renovations/upgrades needed to CVHS and determine how to responsibly finance this construction with input from parents, teachers, staff, students, faculty and members of the community in order to enhance academic achievement, achieve safety and accessibility standards, and address CVHS-specific priorities.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of October 2022.

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-91 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th day of October 2022, by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Andrea J. Carranza, MMC
Deputy City Clerk