



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

Title: City Council Resolution No. 2025-8
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Needles, California
Supporting Enhanced Investments, Equitable Services, and Workforce
Development Programs by Palo Verde Community College in the Needles
Community

Background: Palo Verde Community College (PVCC) plays a vital role in Needles by providing educational opportunities, workforce development, and economic growth. However, the Needles campus faces significant challenges that undermine its ability to serve the community effectively. These challenges include:

1. Lack of In-Person Counseling Services for Students.
2. Course Cancellations: Classes have been withdrawn before school begins, resulting in students losing FAFSA eligibility and disrupting education.
3. Lack of Dedicated Budget and Data: Needles does not receive equitable funding.
4. There are no clear goals or vision for the campus.

The Needles community has continuously demonstrated its financial commitment to PVCC through two General Obligation (GO) Bond measures, totaling \$18 million, funded by local property taxes. Despite this support, the campus has yet to realize equitable services and investments.

With Needles positioned for growth and access to a larger student base, the campus has the potential to serve as a hub for high-demand training programs and bolster enrollment for PVCC. However, urgent action is needed to address the current disparities and align PVCC's investments and services with community needs.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact to the City of Needles associated with this resolution. However, advocating for equitable investments and services by PVCC will result in long-term benefits for the community by fostering workforce development, economic growth, and enhanced educational opportunities.

Recommendation: Adopt City Council Resolution No. 2025-8 supporting enhanced investments, equitable services, and workforce development programs by Palo Verde Community College (PVCC) in the Needles community.

Submitted By: Patrick Martinez, City Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 1/10/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

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