

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Supervisor Allen

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a resolution supporting the continued planning of UC Merced's medical school.  
The formal resolution is attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has taken actions in the past relative to UC Merced.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Formal resolution _____
Source:		_____
Internal Transfer _____		_____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
( ) General ( ) Other		_____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 09-485 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: None  
 Approved  
 Minute Order Attached  No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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CAO: [Signature]

**MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 09-485**

**A Resolution Supporting the Continued Planning of UC Merced's Medical School**

**WHEREAS**, the University of California, Merced is planning a medical school, founded on a community based distributive model of medical education in order to best serve the needs of the San Joaquin Valley and focus teaching and research on the community health needs of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the UC Merced Medical School will address the critical projected physician shortage and combat serious health-related illnesses that plague the San Joaquin Valley and will also expand higher education opportunities in the San Joaquin Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, UC Merced retained the services of the Washington Advisory Group (WAG) to provide recommendations on the planning process for the medical school, and WAG recommends a delay of UC Merced's current plan due to the recent economic downturn in the State of California and the nation as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, WAG states that "the commitment to establish an independent UCM medical school is undiminished," and instead recommends the development of a three phase plan:

**Phase I:** Development of a "Biomedical Education Track" for an undergraduate pre-med program at UC Merced, to be developed as early as 2010.

**Phase II:** Development of a UC Davis/ UC Merced program for a "branch medical school" of UC Davis, to be developed as early as 2012.

**Phase III:** A fully independent UC Merced Medical School, with a distributive model program, to be developed no later than 2020.

**WHEREAS**, Mark Yudof, President of the University of California, endorsed the WAG report in his remarks before the University of California Board of Regents on February 4, 2009, pledging to work with UC Merced on the development of the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, assessments of California's health care work force point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the State of California by 2015 and the University of California's Health Sciences Advisory Council recommended a 34 percent increase in MD student enrollments between 2005 and 2020. The Council also recognized that medical education programs need to be developed in the San Joaquin Valley and the Inland Empire, where projected population growth rates are twice that of the rest of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Joaquin Valley has historically been an underserved region in terms of recruiting and retaining medical professionals and has 31 percent fewer primary physicians and 51 percent fewer specialists than the rest of the state and UC Merced's Medical School will be the single most important action that can be taken to address this shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, it will take years to plan for a quality medical school, and many more years before the first medical school class is placed into residency, so it is important to act now in order to avoid an even more serious health care crisis in the San Joaquin Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Coalition for UC Merced's Medical School is comprised of elected officials, cities and counties, medical professionals, hospitals and organizations throughout the nine county region (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties) of the San Joaquin

Valley whose purpose is to support the development of the medical school and to provide recommendations as to how to best develop a UC quality program that meets the needs of the San Joaquin Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of Supervisors from the nine county region of the San Joaquin Valley have adopted resolutions in support of the development of the medical school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Coalition for UC Merced's Medical School was awarded a \$147,000 grant from the California Endowment to engage in outreach activities in the nine county region of the San Joaquin Valley in order to obtain input from these communities and make recommendations to the University of California as to how to best develop a UC quality program that meets the needs of the San Joaquin Valley.

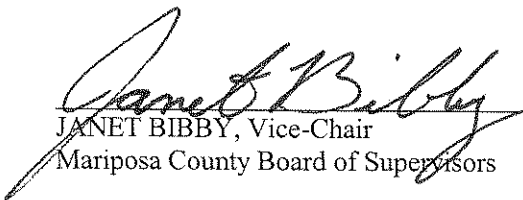
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the continued planning of UC Merced's Medical School; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports in concept the recommendations contained in the WAG report and calls upon the Board of Regents of the University of California, the University of California Office of the President and UC Merced officials to:

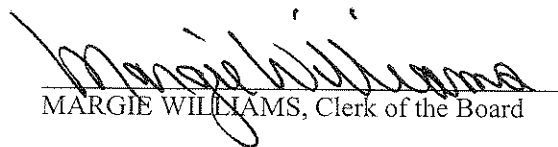
- 1) Establish Phase III of the program by 2015 in order to meet the projected physician short fall of the state and the underserved medical needs of the San Joaquin Valley;
- 2) Incorporate medical education and clinical education at UCSF-Fresno and other locations in the San Joaquin Valley, as appropriate, during Phase II of the program;
- 3) Ensure that research is a key component of the medical school; and
- 4) Provide funding for the development of the three-phase program, with the modified timeline in Phase III, as recommended in this resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009, by the following vote:

**AYES: TURPIN, BIBBY, CANN, ALLEN**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: ABORN**  
**ABSTAINED: NONE**

  
JANET BIBBY, Vice-Chair  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

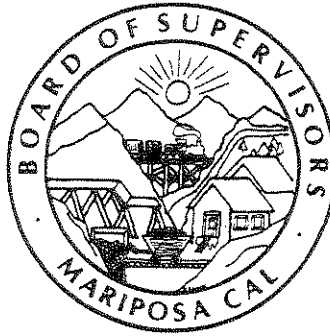
ATTEST:

  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
STEVEN W. DAHLEM, County Counsel

**Mariposa County**  
**Board of Supervisors**



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District 3 ..... JANET BIBBY  
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October 27, 2009

Ms. Angie Rios  
The Rios Company  
1320 North Van Ness Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93728

Dear Ms. Rios:

At its meeting on October 13, 2009, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 09-485 supporting the continued planning of UC Merced's Medical School.

Enclosed you will find a copy of Resolution No. 09-485 for your reference.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (209) 966-3222.

Sincerely,

Brad Aborn,  
Board of Supervisors Chair

Enclosure