



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Staff Report
February 19, 2008

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

**Title: City of Sacramento Collaboration with University of California at Davis
on Sustainability and Economic Development**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** directing staff to identify and develop opportunities to collaborate with the University of California at Davis in achieving mutual sustainability and economic development objectives based on clean and renewable energy technologies.

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Department: Economic Development

Division: Citywide

Organization No: 4453

Description/Analysis

Issue: On December 18, 2007, the Sacramento City Council approved the City's Sustainability Master Plan. That plan was formulated in response to the Council's direction for staff to develop a Sustainability Agenda with goals and objectives to move the City towards using natural resources efficiently to prevent pollution and to improve the economic, environmental and social well-being of current and future generations. Simultaneous with drafting of the Sustainability Master Plan, staff was engaged in updating the City's Economic Development Strategy. The updated Strategy, adopted by the City Council on May 29, 2007, contains four strategic objectives and related implementation actions. Among those is to facilitate commercialization of regional university-developed technology. In a related action, on August 21, 2007 the Council approved adoption of a resolution in support of economic development efforts in promoting the growth of green technology.

Concurrent with work on the City's Sustainability Master Plan and Economic

Development Strategy, City elected officials and staff have been in discussions with the University of California at Davis concerning City-UC Davis collaboration in the realm of green technology development. On June 22, 2007, a delegation including two Councilmembers, the City Manager and various staff toured sustainability-related research facilities at the Davis Campus. Those facilities are breaking new ground in the fields of organic waste-to-energy, lighting efficiency and transportation studies. By the conclusion of the June 22nd event, it was apparent amongst representatives of both the City and University as to the congruence of their goals and objectives in the realm of sustainability. Thus it was suggested that the two entities explore opportunities for collaboration in meeting their mutual sustainability and economic development goals.

The attached resolution thus directs the City Manager to identify and develop specific opportunities to partner with UC Davis in the furtherance of these mutual goals. Staff shall plan in the future to periodically update the Council concerning progress in these efforts.

Policy Considerations: The actions recommended in this report are consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan adopted on December 18, 2007 and the Economic Development Strategy approved on May 29, 2007.

Environmental Considerations: The requested actions are not a project as defined by CEQA as they do not involve activities that may cause a direct or indirect impact on the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21065). Environmental review will occur in conjunction with specific projects related to the actions described in this report.

Rationale for Recommendation: These actions are consistent with earlier-adopted City planning efforts including the Economic Development Strategy and Sustainability Master Plan.

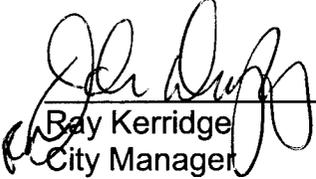
Financial Considerations: The actions recommended in this report have no direct financial impact on the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: _____


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Citywide Development Manager

Recommendation Approved:



Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

BACKGROUND

- A. On May 29, 2007, the City Council adopted an updated City of Sacramento (City) Economic Development Strategy containing strategic objectives and related action items. Amongst the action steps is the targeted business attraction and development of high-value industries, including clean technology and renewable energy.
- B. On August 21, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution in support of clean technology industry development in the Sacramento region.
- C. On December 18, 2007, the City Council approved the City's Sustainability Master Plan (Plan). The Plan was formulated in response to the City Council's earlier direction to develop a Sustainability Agenda with goals and objectives to the City towards using natural resources efficiently to prevent pollution and improve the economic and social well-being of current and future generations.
- D. The University of California at Davis (University) is similarly committed to the notion of sustainability in the operation of its Main Campus, and the University's Medical Center Campus located within the City.
- E. The University is a recognized leader in the development of research leading to new technologies and applications in the fields of bio fuels, wind energy, fuel cells, solar energy systems, transportation studies, nanotechnology, cooling technologies and lighting technology.
- F. The University has adopted the goals of 1) fostering economic development throughout the Sacramento region; and 2) facilitating commercialization of University-developed technologies.
- G. The City's and University's goals related to environmental sustainability and economic development are consistent and complementary.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City recognizes and fully supports the environmental, social and economic development benefits of collaborating with the University and other regional entities to achieve environmental sustainability objectives and to facilitate local commercialization of University-developed clean and renewable energy technologies.
- Section 2. The City Manager is directed to identify and develop specific opportunities to partner with the University in achieving mutual objectives with respect to sustainability and economic development based on new clean and renewable energy technologies.