



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 3/29/2011

**Report Type:** Consent

**Title:** Powerhouse Science Center UC Davis Innovation Hub Proposal

**Report ID:** 2011-00313

**Location:** 400 Jibboom Street, District 1

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution supporting the Powerhouse Science Center UC Davis Innovation Hub Proposal.

**Contact:** Jennifer Witz, Project Coordinator, (916) 808-2796, Economic Development Department

**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Economic Development Dept

**Division:** Citywide Development

**Dept ID:** 18001031

## **Attachments:**

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1-Description/Analysis  
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### **City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form  
Michael T. Sparks  
3/24/2011 9:55:44 AM

### **City Treasurer Review**

Prior Council Financial Policy Approval or  
Outside City Treasurer Scope  
Russell Fehr  
3/14/2011 12:17:35 PM

### **Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Jim Rinehart - 3/22/2011 2:02:55 PM

Assistant City Manager: John Dangberg - 3/23/2011 5:18:25 PM

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Staff recommends Council's support of the proposal for the UC Davis Innovation Hub by the Powerhouse Science Center and its partners Synergex and Clean World Partners. The proposed concept is a response to UC Davis' request for regional ideas and concepts for an "Innovation Hub" that would better connect UC Davis research with entrepreneurs, accelerate the transfer of campus discoveries into commercial products, and develop the local and regional economy. The Powerhouse Science Center is uniquely positioned as a regional leader in science and technology education to serve in this capacity. In partnership with private companies, Synergex and Clean Word Partners, the Powerhouse Science Center combines its mission to educate residents and visitors on the sciences with the ability to bring technology to market.

**Policy Considerations:** Support for the proposed Powerhouse Science Center UC Davis Innovation Hub concept is consistent with the 2030 General Plan, the River District Specific Plan, the River District Redevelopment Plan, and the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan.

**Environmental Considerations:** N/A

**Sustainability:** N/A

**Commission/Committee Action:** N/A

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Powerhouse Science Center envisions fulfilling the UC Davis Innovation Hub concept by locating the Hub in the future Powerhouse Education Center, which will be located on the future site of the Powerhouse Science Center, located immediately adjacent to the former PG&E Power Station and the Sacramento River. Its proximity to Central Business District, Interstate 5 and nearby Interstate 80, the future development at the Railyards and the nearby Intermodal make it an ideal location for the innovation hub. Additionally, the strong correlation between UC Davis' research and the Powerhouse Science Center's mission, to enrich the lives of local residents and visitors of the Sacramento region by encouraging the exploration of science and space, make the concept even stronger. Locating the UC Davis Innovation Hub at the Powerhouse site will not only increase the economic vitality of the local and regional community as a regional destination and catalytic project, but will also create a significant opportunity for learning and exploring science, technology and space. Further, the concept would support and expose the most recent scientific breakthroughs developed at the Innovation Hub to students and faculty and provide a showcase for exhibiting new technology at the Science Center.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** N/A

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**SUPPORT THE POWERHOUSE SCIENCE CENTER UC DAVIS INNOVATION HUB PROPOSAL**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. UC Davis has sent out a request for regional ideas and concepts for an “Innovation Hub” that would better connect UC Davis research with entrepreneurs, accelerate the transfer of campus discoveries into commercial products, and develop the local and regional economy.
- B. The Powerhouse Science Center (PHSC) will be a premier science and space learning center serving Northern California and provide 21<sup>st</sup>-century experiential education in science, math, technology, engineering, and space.
- C. The PHSC UC Davis innovation hub concept proposes to create a regional destination and catalyst project in the redevelopment area of the River District and will assist in its revitalization, as well as bring visitors to the River District, increasing economic vitality locally and regionally.
- D. The PHSC and its partners Synergex and Clean World Partners, will submit a concept proposal on March 31, 2011, in answer to UC Davis’ request for regional ideas and concepts for an “Innovation Hub,” which proposes to locate the innovation hub at the Powerhouse Science Center site at 400 Jibboom Street.
- E. The proposed Innovation Hub Concept will be located at the PHSC Education Center and will allow UC Davis to exhibit new technologies, educate students at all grade levels on science and feature new innovative products to visitors, researchers and private investors.

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

- Section 1. The City of Sacramento hereby supports the Powerhouse Science Center’s proposal for the UC Davis innovation hub to be submitted by Powerhouse Science Center, Synergex, and Clean World Partners, among other founding partners.