

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2026

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTER SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR REGIONAL ENTREPRENEURIAL RESOURCE CENTERS

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of a letter supporting California State University, San Bernardino's \$2.49 million Community Project Funding request for the Regional Entrepreneurial Resource Centers program.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City submitted a letter to United States Senator Adam Schiff expressing support for California State University, San Bernardino's \$2.49 million Community Project Funding request.

The request would support regional entrepreneurial and small business assistance programs serving the Inland Empire, including Palm Desert. The proposed funding is intended to enhance access to business development resources and strengthen regional economic development efforts.

In accordance with Resolution No. 2025-020, Mayor Trubee and Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto reviewed and approved the letter in advance of formal ratification by the City Council.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support - Schiff
2. Letter of Support - Padilla

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AWARENESS CHECKLIST:

- Site-Specific Property Interest** – Councilmembers should check if they own or lease real property within 1,000 feet of the project site (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).

- SB 1439 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)** – Applies to licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use, and to contracts or franchise agreements other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts.

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s): Not Applicable

Councilmembers should review any campaign contributions received within the last 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision (Gov. Code § 84308).

Note: These indicators are informational and do not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember is responsible for identifying and disclosing any disqualifying interests in accordance with the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations.