



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
March 2, 2011**

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Rob Schroder
PREPARED BY: Mercy Cabral, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Saint Mary's College's Bid for the 2012 Presidential Debate
DATE: February 25, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

Mayor Schroder requests that the Council consider a resolution supporting Saint Mary's College's bid for the 2012 Presidential Debate in the Town of Moraga.

BACKGROUND:

Tim Farley of Saint Mary's College addressed the Mayor's Conference in January seeking support for the College to host one of the 2012 Presidential debates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ACTION:

Motion adopt a resolution supporting Saint Mary's College's Bid for the 2012 Presidential Debate.

RESOLUTION NO. -11

SUPPORTING SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE'S BID FOR THE
2012 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

WHEREAS, 2013 will mark the 150th anniversary of Saint Mary's College, which began in San Francisco in 1863, then moved to Oakland, and later settled in Moraga, California; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moraga has been home to the nationally known and respected Saint Mary's College since 1928; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's College will host a series of events to commemorate the College's Sesquicentennial celebration and demonstrate its commitment to civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's College has recent experience in hosting a federal debate since it held a senatorial debate between Barbara Boxer and Carly Fiorina on September 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's College plans to submit a bid to host one of the 2012 United States Presidential debates on the College campus in Moraga, California; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Presidential Debates hosts four debates during the general election season, three for presidential candidates and one for vice presidential candidates; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the presidential debates were held at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, and Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, the debates are organized by the Commission on Presidential Debates which has a series of criteria for site selection; and

WHEREAS, McKeon Pavilion, the school's main gym, generally fits the size and parameters for becoming an attractive debate hall; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Martinez City Council do hereby support Saint Mary's College's bid for the 2012 Presidential debate in the Town of Moraga and urge all citizens to actively support this effort.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the day of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ