



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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DRAFT FOR STNC BOARD APPROVAL

Dear Community College Board
Mission College Principal

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council is extremely dismayed with decisions that are being made about our community without their knowledge and input. Our Neighborhood Council and Community worked really hard to bring a Mission College Satellite to Sunland-Tujunga. We met many times with the College Principals and staff and expressed our concerns about the lack of outreach that was being done to attract students. Many promises were made that never came to fruition and now finally a billboard has been put up to announce the school's presence. However, we have heard that the satellite has already been shut down and the classes have been cancelled. We also heard at the Community College Board Meeting that the resources will be moved to Pacoima. We also heard thanks, to our Councilmember for her support. We are wondering if you are aware of how hard we worked to bring it here or the lack of outreach done by the college.

We have many underserved community members. Our community does not have anywhere near the support for our youth and young adults to steer them to College, such as The Boys and Girls Club, Youth Speak Collective and many, many other organizations that are prevalent in the Valley but, not in Sunland- Tujunga. If the job of a Community College is to help encourage people to continue in the education system then why would you remove it from a community that clearly has a need and lacks support in the education system. Instead you should be continuing to hold college classes and adding community extension classes that are available to adults and youth.

Regardless of the decision that is made we feel that it is unacceptable that decisions were made without the Neighborhood Councils and our Communities input. Your help and guidance is needed and we look forward to working with you to find a resolution.

Sincerely,

Lydia Grant
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council President