



# City Council Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 10, 2018

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER GARDNER WARD: 1

SUBJECT: COUNCILMEMBER GARDNER RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF A  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE'S APPEAL  
OF THE DECISION BY THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION TO REMOVE IT FROM THE ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE

## **ISSUE:**

Adopt a resolution in support of the Riverside City College's appeal of the decision by the California Community College Athletic Association to remove it from the Orange Empire Conference.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council adopt a resolution in support of the Riverside City College's appeal of the decision by the California Community College Athletic Association to remove it from the Orange Empire Conference.

## **BACKGROUND:**

As part of its Re-Conferencing Initiative, the California Community College Athletic Association Board took action to remove Riverside City College from the Orange Empire Conference (Conference). Riverside City College is a Charter Member of the Conference, competing within the Conference for the past 31 years.

The Conference was established as a premiere intercollegiate athletic league prior to the 1986-87 academic year and has changed very little over the years as it still features most of the inaugural colleges. Most of the original colleges were members of the South Coast Conference prior to joining forces to establish the Conference. Cypress College, Orange Coast College, Rancho Santiago College (now Santa Ana College), Riverside City College, and Saddleback College were each initial members of the Conference along with Citrus College. The six-college conference remained intact for two years until, prior to the 1988-89 academic year, when some additional changes were made. Citrus left the Conference to join the Western State Conference while Fullerton College and Golden West College were added to the Conference. These changes made sense as now all of the colleges in Orange County were a part of the Conference, along with Riverside City College, which had a full comprehensive athletic program like most of those in Orange County. Irvine Valley College was added prior to the 1990-91 season, Santiago Canyon College was added prior to the 1999-2000 season, and

Norco College was added prior to the 2013-14 season. Most recently, Copper Mountain College joined prior to the 2017-18 season, making the Conference an 11-college conference.


Year after year, the Conference is recognized as one of the top community college conferences in the state and in many instances, the nation. Since its inception, Conference teams have been dominant in sports such as baseball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, and water polo, winning 268 state championships.

For these reasons, I recommend the City adopt this resolution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of this resolution.

Prepared by:

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Mike Gardner  
Councilmember – Ward 1

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution in Support of Riverside City College