

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 09/21/20

ADDITIONAL ITEM ADDED AFTER DISTRIBUTION OF PACKET (# 6)

AGENDA ITEM # 2

Applicant/Project Name: Kaiser Permanente P# SDP19-0005 & EIR20-003

Brief Description: Public Comment received

Date 09/21/20
Time 4:30 p.m.



September 21, 2020

Planning Commissioners
City of San Marcos
1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069

Re: Planning Commission Meeting – September 21, 2020
Agenda Item #2: Kaiser Permanente San Marcos Medical Center

Dear City of San Marcos Planning Commission:

On behalf of California State University San Marcos, I would like to express our support of Kaiser Permanente's planned San Marcos Medical Center.

While you will hear from Kaiser Permanente and others about the physical impacts of this project on our community, what we are most excited about are the partnerships and experiential learning opportunities this project represents for our students and the University community.

Our students in various health and medical programs will have the potential to find internships, clinical placements, and job opportunities within walking distance of campus. Our faculty will have the opportunity to build collaborations and partnerships with their industry peers. At the same time, the entire University community will have increased access to care close to where we live, work, and play.

As we look to grow our healthcare programs into the future, our capacity to serve our students grows alongside projects like this from our community partners. Kaiser Permanente has been a strong community partner to the University for decades including partnering with our nursing program for clinical placements, funding scholarship and loan forgiveness opportunities for students, and serving as a member of our University Advisory Council. This project, and its proximity to campus, represents an amazing opportunity for both organizations to build on our existing partnership to better serve our community.

We look forward to Kaiser Permanente's San Marcos Medical Center opening its doors in Fall of 2023 and the opportunities it represents for our students and the community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia Prado Olmos
Chief Community Engagement Officer
California State University San Marcos