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## CITY OF WALNUT

January 11, 2018

## Via E-mail and Hand Delivery Only

Gary Nellesen, Director, Facilities Planning and Management Mt. San Antonio College 1100 North Grand Avenue Walnut, CA 91789

RE: West Parcel Activity

Dear Mr. Nellesen,

I am writing in response to your January 4, 2018 email replying to my inquiry concerning commencement of construction activities at the West Parcel site. The City has received numerous inquiries about the current activity, and in the absence of any community outreach, I am compelled to again express my disappointment that Mt. SAC's has not openly communicated with its neighbors in advance.

As you know, review and approval of grading plans and a truck hauling plan are required from the City of Walnut <u>prior</u> to the commencement of grading and hauling activities. And, as you know, Mt. SAC does not have an approved grading plan or haul route for the West Parcel site. By letter dated December 14, 2017, the City notified you that Mt. SAC's recent grading application for the West Parcel was incomplete and listed the missing requirements. Consequently, the City Engineer has not completed a detailed plan check review and the plans have not been approved. Final approval also requires an "open" consideration process via the City Planning Commission.

The "clear and grub" operation as well as "duff" removal also raises concerns. The extent of this "preliminary site work" is unknown and could have significant impacts. The potential for permanent physical damage to the existing hillside has not been discussed or reviewed nor have the risks associated with erosion and drainage/runoff to city waterways and drainage infrastructure under NPDES regulations been evaluated.

Absent coordination with and review by the City of Mt. SAC's plans, we cannot now solely rely on your statement that this site work is "preliminary" and does not require approved grading plans. Nor are we able to determine if the work being undertaken violates the existing Stop Work Order prohibiting grading activities without a permit. Work on the West Parcel must stop until Mt. SAC can meet with the City in order to identify and evaluate the current proposed

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scope of work occurring at the site and to ensure that necessary measures have been taken to protect the public health and safety.

While the court and Mt. SAC's own subsequent environmental documents acknowledge the City's regulatory authority over grading and hauling activities on the West Parcel, it appears that acknowledgment is still not resonating and Mt. SAC intends to continue work on the West Parcel in disregard of the court's order, the Walnut Municipal Code and Mt. SAC's CEQA mitigation measures.

In closing, I urge you to meet with City Engineer Dave Gilbertson and myself as soon as possible in order to discuss the current activity at the West Parcel so that we can get a clear indication of what Mt. SAC intends to do given all of the activity and equipment appearing on the site over the past couple of days and this morning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (909) 595-7543 ext. 402

Sincerely,

Tom Weiner

Community Development Director

cc: Rob Wishner, City Manager

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