

LETTER OF INTENT

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Gentlemen:

This letter of intent has been prepared under the direction of the Rotary Club of Novato ("Rotary Club") and the Novato Rotary Endowment ("Endowment"). The Rotary Club is a non-profit organization focused on providing service to others, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The Endowment is the 501 (c) (3) foundation of the Rotary Club. The purpose of the Endowment is to receive charitable contributions on behalf of the club, invest the funds, and manage the proper charitable distribution of those funds. The Endowment has the structure and procedures in place to manage funds earmarked for specific purposes, including the Bill and Adele Jonas Rotary Community Center project contemplated by this Letter of Intent.

On behalf of the Rotary Club and the Endowment, I present to you the following letter evidencing the intent for the Rotary Club to enter in negotiations for the long term lease or similar transaction by the Rotary Club as Tenant and/or occupier from the Marin Community College District ("District") as Landlord and/or provider of the newly renovated premises known as Building 17 at the Indian Valley Campus of the District.

By submission of this "Letter of Intent," the Rotary Club and Endowment also communicate their intention to make a contribution of funds to the District for the express purpose of renovating and remodeling Building 17 on the District's Indian Valley Campus. The funds provided by the Rotary Club, through the Endowment, are funds that were

donated/entrusted to the Endowment by William (“Bill”) and Adele Jonas. It was the Jonas’ intention that these funds be used to create a community center for Novato.

It is the understanding and intent of the Rotary Club and Endowment that, in return for the above referenced donation, which funds will be used to fund a portion of the design, any required engineering and environmental studies, signage, furnishings, and other costs associated with the agreed to renovations of Building 17, the Rotary Club and other community organizations will be provided with access to Building 17 as an affordable, community serving activity center. It is further the understanding and intent of the Rotary Club and Endowment that, after the above noted renovations have been completed, Building 17 will be renamed by District as the “Bill and Adele Jonas Rotary Community Center”.

Neither the Rotary Club and Endowment, on the one hand, nor the District, on the other hand, will be under any legally binding obligation to the other until the parties negotiate mutually acceptable agreements as generally described herein.

Rotary Club and Endowment Proposed General Requirements:

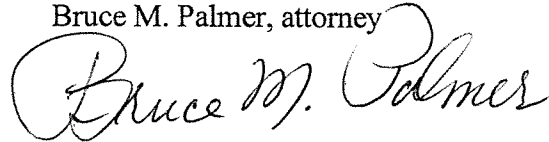
Term:	75 years (or as otherwise provided by statute or contract) after completion of the renovation of Building 17, plus option to renew (subject to statute or contract).
Use of the Structure:	Community Center for use by the Rotary Club, District Students, citizens of Novato and surrounding community organizations.
Use by Rotary Club:	Luncheons and activities
Improvements	District and Endowment to enter into an Improvement Agreement and to agree on the respective share of the varied costs for necessary On Site Improvements to Building 17 pursuant to a mutually approved building and adjacent area renovation plan. District shall be responsible for all construction supervision, performance and payment of contractor expenses. The timing, accountability, and payment by the Endowment of agreed costs will be specified in the negotiated agreement.
Rate:	One Dollar (\$1.00) per year for the term of the lease.
Expenses:	Endowment’s contribution will be to the Onsite Improvements to Building 17 per the Improvement Agreement.
Non-Binding:	This Letter of Intent is non-binding on the Rotary Club, the Endowment, or the District until the Agreements described herein have been fully executed by the above parties.

This letter of intent will remain valid until the close of business on May 30, 2016, at which time it will expire unless extended by written agreement executed by the Rotary Club and the Endowment.

The Rotary Club and the Endowment are excited about the possibilities of creating a true "community center" on the District's Indian Valley Campus to serve our Novato community and fulfill an unmet community need. We look forward to working with the District towards the successful completion of this renovation. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

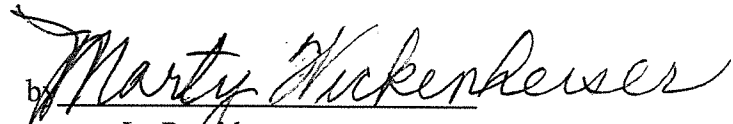
Bruce M. Palmer, attorney



Agreed to and Accepted:


Date:

Rotary Club of Novato, a California
non-profit corporation

by 
Its President

Date:

Novato Rotary Endowment, a California
non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation

by 
Its President

COM ACCEPTED INTO NASA'S SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM PROGRAM

APRIL 21ST, 2021 - 6:54PM

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KENTFIELD / NOVATO, CA—College of Marin (COM) students have opportunities to expand their knowledge in countless ways—the sky is literally the limit for students following the College's recent acceptance into an exclusive NASA-backed program.

The California Space Grant Consortium (CaSGC), a NASA-funded program that helps fund projects to encourage more participation from underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and provide university-level study for community college students. COM is using its funding to start a science hub that will give students a variety of opportunities beyond the normal physics, engineering, and astronomy curriculum, including the opportunity to participate in an internship with NASA over the summer.

The science hub is led by Astronomy and Physics Professor Antonino Cucchiara, Ph.D., who selected students from the astronomy, physics, and engineering programs, as well as the Puente and Umoja groups on campus.

In an effort to support the goals of the CaSGC program, the student makeup is 40 percent women and 55 percent from underrepresented groups. Cucchiara said the program will highlight the commitment of COM to increasing diversity and becoming more inclusive in its STEM-related departments.

"Aligning these activities with the broader effort of the College will provide new avenues for African American, Latinx, and other underrepresented students to explore academic and career paths that they may not have considered before," Cucchiara said. "Through these fun, hands-on experiences, these students will gain skills that will allow them to explore a new world in a safe, stress-free environment while interacting with NASA scientists and other like-minded students."

The funding, which lasts three years, will afford COM students the chance to attend a NASA research seminar and meet with NASA scientists to learn more about their research challenges and to get career counseling advice. They will also get to participate in webinars prepared by the California-based NASA research centers.

Students will also receive a \$650 stipend to fund team projects that they will present to NASA scientists and engineers during their visit to the research lab. According to CaSGC, students have previously put together projects in near-space ballooning, small satellites, UAV auto-pilots, autonomous ground robots, and wearable sensor vests for sports and health monitoring.

Participation in the Consortium also funds professional development for COM faculty, including a field trip to a NASA research facility to learn how to bring NASA content to their campus programs and their STEM projects.

To learn more about the astronomy offerings at COM, visit academics.marin.edu/program/astr (<http://academics.marin.edu/program/astr>). For information about other departments under Physical Sciences, including [physics](http://academics.marin.edu/program/phys) (<http://academics.marin.edu/program/phys>) and [engineering](http://academics.marin.edu/program/engg) (<http://academics.marin.edu/program/engg>), visit academics.marin.edu (<http://academics.marin.edu>). To learn more about the California Space Grant Consortium's work with casgc.ucsd.edu/?page_id=7301 (https://casgc.ucsd.edu/?page_id=7301)

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NORTH BAY TO HOLD FIRST VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

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NOVATO / KENTFIELD, CA—College of Marin (COM) is one of several colleges and workforce services collaborating in a Virtual North Bay Regional Job Fair on April 8. Students, alumni, and community job seekers will benefit from a broad audience and pool of resources created through this regional association, which includes Workforce Alliance of the North Bay (WANB) and CareerPoint MARIN. This virtual event runs from noon to 4 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Job seekers will have easy access to more than 95 North Bay businesses and recruiters. This virtual format is different than a traditional on-site job fair, where a lot of time is spent waiting in lines, resume in hand. "The goal is to have job seekers enter virtual booths and connect with employers and job opportunities that align with their career and future aspirations," said COM Career Services Coordinator Alex Jones.

The collaboration is a way for COM to further assist, train, and guide students, alumni, and community members into careers for which they have studied, that they are passionate about, and that meet the region's needs. Registrants can explore businesses, apply for jobs, network, and practice self-introductions.

The highly interactive platform has been designed so job seekers can network efficiently, entering one booth while maintaining ongoing conversations with others. Attendees are encouraged to dress for success and be prepared for interviews.

"It's possible that, post-pandemic, many businesses will adopt a hybrid model, so being able to navigate the virtual world along with the real world is the up-and-coming skill set," Jones said.

Employer participants include agencies and business from government, healthcare, hospitality, fitness, technology, finance, and more.

Employer Participation Link: <https://bit.ly/3cBH9rD> (<https://bit.ly/3cBH9rD>)

Job Seeker Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2PIMlKA> (<https://bit.ly/2PIMlKA>)

For additional information contact [Katheryn Horton \(mailto:mailto:kahorton@marin.edu\)](mailto:mailto:kahorton@marin.edu), director of workforce programs, (707) 529-8522.

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