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To: Citrus College Community & Other Interested Parties
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I would like to inform you of two matters that influence our progress as a college and our image in the community.

Citrus Avenue Public Improvement Project
Over the last few months, Citrus College has been working with Azusa Pacific University and the cities of Azusa and Glendora on strategies to improve the flow of traffic around the college and promote safety for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The parties agreed on a plan of action calling for them to cooperate amongst themselves to make improvements to the intersection of Foothill Blvd. and Citrus Avenue. These improvements include new turn lanes and upgraded traffic signals.

At their November 4, 2008 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Foothill Intersection Cooperation and Reimbursement Agreement to improve the intersection of Foothill Blvd. and Citrus Avenue, at a cost to the district of $90,000. The total cost for entire design and construction of the project is estimated to be $500,000.

The need for the project reflects the progress the two cities and our colleges are experiencing. Citrus College and Azusa Pacific University continue to flourish and prosper as we educate future leaders, develop new professionals, and serve our community. The cities of Azusa and Glendora are fulfilling their commitments to community development and expansion, which include a new infrastructure that supports two colleges, a new residential development, and business expansion. I commend our Governing Board for supporting this much-needed effort.

Parking Challenges and Community Relations
As you know, the trade-off for the progress Citrus College is making in our facilities expansion program is the temporary-and often frustrating-inconvenience caused by the reduction in the number of parking spaces compounded by the college’s recent spike in student enrollments.
However, the parking challenge is now affecting our neighbors who live nearby. These residents report damages to their vehicles, difficulties in backing out of their driveways and in driving through their neighborhood, and an increase in litter and trash. Some have expressed concern about student safety as they cross Barranca Avenue.

While students, faculty, and staff continue to develop and implement strategies to alleviate parking concerns, we are committed as a community neighbor to solving this matter, and we will work to develop even more strategies to address the concerns raised by local residents. Some of the measures we have recently put in place are:

- Leasing two auxiliary parking lots, for student use, from Azusa Pacific University
- Restriping our parking lots to gain spaces
- Sending our students email blasts with parking updates
- Actively promoting our parking options on our three electronic billboards and on our website
- Collaborating with our student leaders and the student newspaper, the Clarion, to encourage their peers to use the student-designated parking, implement new commuting strategies, and contribute ideas on how to improve the situation
- Sending out reminders to the entire campus urging their cooperation in being good neighbors, abiding by local ordinances, and respecting public and private property
- Extending the hours of our parking annex on the APU campus and notifying students of this change

In recent weeks, college administrators and the Security Department have worked closely with the City of Glendora's engineering department to develop additional solutions to the parking problem. City officials have responded positively to our efforts to inform students and staff through the aforementioned actions.

The City of Glendora has announced that it is developing plans to install Preferential Parking Districts (PPD) where residents request them. The PPDs will restrict parking on the streets to vehicles with city-issued permits. It is our understanding that Citrus College student parking permits are not valid in the PPD zones, and we will cooperate fully with Glendora officials to guarantee the success of this measure.

The college community is working to address our parking challenges through committee review and additional planning. These plans will be announced within the next months through a system of media and messages. In the meantime, please encourage students to use or continue to use to options the college has offered and to be a "Good Glendora Neighbor."

Thank you for your cooperation. Let us demonstrate our commitment to our students, local officials and residents, and one another as we continue to advance the mission of the college and serve the community as a good neighbor.
Sincerely,

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