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Board Approves $2 Million in Funding for New University of the Pacific School of Medicine

Stockton, CA – The Board of Supervisors approved a proposal to invest $2 million to help University of the Pacific (UOP) establish its highly anticipated School of Medicine. The funding will not only support UOP's educational opportunities, but the donation is also intended to address the region's physician shortage and boost the County's economic output.

"This funding is an investment in our County's future and growth," said Chair and Third District Supervisor Sonny Dhaliwal. "We realize that this is a significant donation, but we also understand the positive impact this school will have on our healthcare workforce by attracting talented physicians to San Joaquin County."

The one-time funding of $2 million will come from interest earnings on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

Pacific's School of Medicine will become the first medical-degree granting campus in the Central Valley. The school will provide medical education and clinical training opportunities. California faces a 20% physician and healthcare provider shortage by 2030, according to UOP. Research indicates physicians are more likely to practice in communities where they complete their education and training. In addition to improving healthcare access, the university estimates the School of Medicine will generate more than $1 billion in economic output in San Joaquin County over the next decade through employment, partnerships, research, and business development.

"I believe this is a win-win for our County and the university," said Second District Supervisor Paul Canepa, who brought the proposal to the Board. "This is more than a school. This is an opportunity to help bring quality healthcare to our residents and create job opportunities."

The School of Medicine has a targeted opening date of fall 2030.

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