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City Council Information Letter

Resolution of Support for Student-Soldier Mentoring Program

I recently hosted a series of discussions with New Mexico State University College of Education Professor Fred J. Rodriguez relative to the initiation of the "Student-Soldier Mentoring" program. This effort, also involving leadership and support from White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, is being developed to promote future leadership, educational initiatives and harvest knowledge amongst individuals from academia, military, business and civic sectors – in connection with future mentoring opportunities for men and women serving in the military. As referenced in the attached letter from Dr. Rodriguez, other community leaders are being asked to offer formal endorsement – with a resolution of support from the City of Las Cruces to function as a catalyst to move this effort forward. Arrangements for respective consideration are therefore being made for your February 2nd regular meeting.

Preparation for Next Joint Meeting – Las Cruces Public Schools Board

Please be advised that Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds and I will be convening in the coming days to outline and prepare agenda items for a future joint work session with both you and his board. As the last time such a meeting convened was



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Mr. Terrence R. Moore, City Manager
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Dear Mr. Moore:

It was a pleasure meeting with you today to discuss our "Student-Soldier Mentoring" program and the possibility of a "Resolution of Support" by the City of Las Cruces. Your interest and visionary outlook are not only welcome, but a force that is so needed in today's world. I am confident that together we can move this initiative further forward than ever expected. With your leadership and willingness to assist, this drive will produce positive outcomes and become a model nation-wide.

I have cc'd a few individuals who, in the past, have shared their ideas, are forward-thinking and support this global initiative. We have Soldiers deployed around the world and with today's technological advances we have the opportunity to reach all of them.

I have also cc'd our military colleagues who will be the driving force on our military side. Their leadership is vital and we are so fortunate to have them as part of our team. All of these individuals are an inspiration and a focal point for the positive, humanistic change that is so needed right now. Elizabeth Kuder, a former graduate student of mine, wrote to me before she died, saying "you must continue to expand, the world is waiting."

"Vision is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be!" Hence, we need everyone involved to support the aspirations of student-Soldiers as they pursue their educational goals. Once student-Soldiers recognize and understand that we genuinely want to see them succeed and are committed to helping them, they will gain confidence and realize they can achieve anything they set out to do. This means mentoring and investing the time to ensure the success of all student-Soldiers.

Again, thanks for your leadership and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred J. Rodriguez".

Fred J. Rodríguez, Ph.D.
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