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Dear Evergreen Valley Community,

I'm writing to update you on our longstanding discussions with our neighbors and the community on the vision for the surplus acreage at Evergreen Valley College.

I have greatly valued and thank the community for its candor, plain talk and spirited conversations and debate on the future of this site, which is of interest and concern to us all.

As is always the case with issues of significant importance, there is much that can be learned simply by listening. As the new Chancellor, I have learned, for example, that many of you are concerned about the District's ability and flexibility to expand and continue to provide the quality education we pride ourselves on, in the future through assets such as this acreage. Although Evergreen Valley College is one of the largest community college campuses in California, I recognize the prudence of maintaining a portion of this site for future visioning with stakeholders and the community.

We share a common commitment to working together, to maintaining our quality of life, and continuing to improve access to the excellent transfer and academic programs Evergreen Valley College provides! For that reason, I am happy to report that we are now currently in negotiations with the developer to present the District with a scaled down version of their original, 27-acre proposal. Understanding the community's point of view, the updated proposal will specifically not encompass the entire 27 acres.

As Chancellor, I am extremely gratified to know that our students have a community that is truly concerned about their success and well-being. Together, let us work to create an environment where all of our students are provided with the tools and resources to transform their lives. I look forward to our continued, transparent discussions over the coming weeks and months.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Budd".

Dr. Debbie Budd
Chancellor