Roll Call

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Invocation

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
This is the opportunity to address the Council on any matter scheduled for discussion.

SCHEDULED MATTER

1. Consideration of Submitting a Letter to the California Prison Health Care Receivership Corporation Regarding the Placement of a Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations Health Facility.

ADJOURNMENT - to the meeting of January 19, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.

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January 16, 2007

Mr. Steve Weston
Assistant to John Hagar, Chief of Staff
California Prison Health Care Receivership Corporation 501 J Street, Suite 605
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Weston:

Thank you for meeting with Mayor Pro Tempore Felipe Martinez and City Manager John Longley in Sacramento on January 11th. We deeply appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you Porterville's ability to meet the requirements of a large health facility serving the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Porterville is a community of more than 50,000 residents. Its location is on State Highways 65 and 190 on the east-side of the San Joaquin Valley. It is generally proximate to a number of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation sites including Delano, Corcoran, Pleasant Valley and Avenal. Importantly, the City is the site of the Porterville Development Center under the California Department of Development Services.

We request the California Prison Health Care Receivership Corporation to consider Porterville as a site for a future medical facility. We believe the site will serve your needs well and permit a rapid development of the facility. Because of the numerous medical organizations in the area and the continuing importance of training for health care skill sets, the City has created a Health Care Task Force, which is a partnership with other agencies including Porterville College to develop opportunities for medical vocational education. This along with potential sites could facilitate the development of the new correctional medical facility.

If additional information would be beneficial, please contact our City Manager John Longley at (559) 782-7466, or by email at jlongley@ci.porterville.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Cameron Hamilton
Mayor