

## Comments from Public Hearing Held Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**COS – Ponderosa Hall 4:00-5:00**

**3 attendees**

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Q1 Is there a chance that this impaction will not be approved?

A1 We don't anticipate a denial of this request.

Comment – I can see the justification for bringing in the 3 schools...the data shows that they should be brought in.

If the public hearings show that impaction is not wanted/needed by expanding the local area. Right now between today and our next public hearing on Thursday, someone might come in and say no we don't want you to expand the local area and these are my concerns". That might sway the CO to not approve but we have not heard of that happening.

Q2 Is there anything you need from a community college to support that situation or data?

A2 What I'm hearing is that you are in support of the changes and we will document that. If Fresno City representative was here they might say expanding might harm our students.

A3 Could other colleges like us, Hartnell or other CSU schools, could they say they don't want the impaction modification?

A3 Yes, Bakersfield can come in and say no we don't believe Hartnell/Porterville should be part of your local service area. That is why these public hearings are held to provide statements of support or not.

Comment; Well for Porterville we are in favor of the impaction modification.

Comment: With regards Porterville, because we've had that long term relationship with them and even though Porterville may be in Bakersfield area they don't offer the wide range of programs that certainly Fresno State offers. So that initially started us to look at expanding our local service area. And taking Hartnell in the Salinas area for years their students attended Fresno State. Now that Monterey Bay has been built they don't offer the wide range of majors. We also get students from Monterey Bay because they're limited in their major areas. Allen Hancock near the coast, Cal Poly is there but as we know they are extremely impacted and so the opportunity was there to expand to that area. Also our recruitment office noticed that interest from these three institutions in which data supports. We include Salinas HS in our service area but we didn't accept Hartnell as a local service area school and so have built that relationship with them.

Comment: And plus the articulation, I've been working with Erica to establish more courses to articulate. So yeah we do appreciate Fresno State taking that stand in supporting Porterville College in the service area and we are looking forward to that too. The other thing is going forward in the community didn't think they could attend Porterville.

Comment: When I worked at Lindsay, some of the kids attending COS they thought there was a higher chance of them getting in than if they attended Porterville College. Expanding the area to include Porterville makes sense.