

## Delta College Questions and Answers

**1) Why Does the City of Lodi care that Delta College locates a campus in or very near Lodi?**

The City of Lodi cares about the social and economic health of this community. A community college would have a positive and profound impact on both. San Joaquin Delta College will help to provide a better-educated workforce, which will benefit local business and stimulate our economy.

**2) What is the Delta College Task Force?**

Measure L, a \$250 million bond was approved by Lodi voters in 2004 to fund improvements at SJ Delta College and to establish satellite campuses in local communities throughout the region. The DCTF was formed in order to identify a north county site suitable for such a campus.

**3) Did Delta College tell the public that it was looking for a campus in the Lodi area?**

Lodi had been identified as a possible location for the north county satellite campus during the campaign in 2004. This promise, in fact, helped to garner the support of the Lodi voters (54.9% in favor). As in all negotiations, however, discussion regarding the purchase price and specific parcels were kept confidential until an agreement between the private property owners and the College was made. Public meetings regarding the criteria and possible sites were held by both the SJ Delta College Board of Trustees and the Lodi City Council.

**4) What were the criteria that Delta College used to evaluate campus sites?**

The College asked for between 75 and 100 acres easily accessible to commuters coming from the foothills as well as Highway 99, and at least 10 miles from the Pacific Avenue Delta College site. It was also preferable to have a site that could readily connect to City services such as water, power, and sewer.

**5) Why was the property along Victor Road selected as a possible Delta College campus?**

It fit the criteria as presented by the Delta College Board of Trustees – in size as well as proximity to city service infrastructure and major highway access. The Board was also able to negotiate successfully with the property owners.

**6) Aren't there many other sites that could be considered?**

Other sites have been considered and closely scrutinized. The Highway 12 site however proved to be the most viable because of its size and proximity to the City of Lodi's infrastructure.

- 7) **Has the decision making process been open and transparent?**  
(answer to question #3 addresses this question)
- 8) **Why does a decision need to be made now?**  
Measure L was approved by the voters in 2004 and tax dollars are being collected for the project for a limited time. By law, the money needs to be spent on the project in the time frame established by the bond. The selection of a site is the first step to completing the project.
- 9) **Are there self-serving conflicts of interests involved with the selection of the campus?**  
The selection was made according to the criteria presented by the SJDC Board of Trustees. Those criteria were created to best suite the needs of the potential students of this north county campus.
- 10) **Is there major retail development that is being proposed with the campus?**  
There will be a retail component to the project. Those businesses will compliment the school and services it provides. In addition, these ancillary projects would help to offset some of the cost to build the school.
- 11) **Is Delta working with any developers to build the campus?**  
Delta College staff is in the business of educating, not developing. Therefore, the services of a developer are needed in order to build the project.
- 12) **What was the price paid for the property?**  
\$17 million. This is higher than originally estimated when the general plan for Measure L was created in 2004. This unanticipated increase in land values underscores the need for the more profitable component of the project. It is in the best interest of the taxpayers to find alternative solutions, using public/private partnerships, to offset the additional cost.