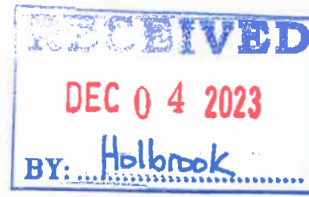


**Announcements / Correspondence Received**

1. Saint Mary's College
2. Bay Area Rapid Transit

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Office of the President

November 29, 2023

Dave Winnacker, Fire Chief  
Moraga Orinda Fire District  
1280 Moraga Way  
Moraga, CA 94556

Re: UCU Pavilion Addition Project – Temporary Occupancy Permit Approval

Dear Chief Winnacker,

I want to personally thank you and your team for your recent assistance on our UCU Pavilion Addition project. I understand that you and your team went above and beyond the call of duty to assist the College by providing Temporary Occupancy of our facility starting Saturday, November 11, 2023. Your staff worked very closely with College personnel, came to the site on multiple occasions, conducted various inspections, and provided critical guidance on what was needed to secure a Temporary Occupancy Permit for the Facility. Thank you for understanding the critical nature of the situation from the perspective of the College and its basketball programs. While our urgency was not the District's urgency, we appreciate your determination to help us resolve the issue.

I would also like to specifically acknowledge Fire Marshal Jeff Isaacs, who was in constant communication with our staff even during the Veteran's Day holiday weekend. I understand that he was out of town with his family but nevertheless took the time from his vacation to assist our staff.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the College's failure of communications that led to two citations for prematurely occupying the project space without an occupancy permit. We have addressed the citations, and we are fully committed to ensuring that the situation does not occur again. We are working to make the necessary improvements in our emergency procedures, internal communications, and facilities to ensure the safety of the College community and the broader District community. As you know, we have retained H and S

Consultants, a team I understand is well known to you, to actively work with the College team on all these areas.

I also acknowledge, however, that all of our efforts will continue to depend on a strong partnership with the District. We are fully committed to continuing to foster and build that partnership.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brother Thomas Jones" followed by a small monogram or initials.

Brother Thomas Jones  
Interim President

cc: Jeff Isaacs, Fire Marshal MOFD  
Board of Directors MOFD  
Isidro Farias, Vice President of Facilities Services  
Manjit Sappal, Executive Director of Campus Safety and Transportation  
Kirk Trost, Law Office of Kirk E. Trost



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January 16, 2024

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The Honorable David Winnacker  
Chief, Moraga-Orinda Fire District  
1280 Moraga Way  
Moraga, CA 94556

Dear Chief Winnacker,

**DIRECTORS**

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On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), I express deep appreciation for the extraordinary responsiveness and significant assistance that you and your Moraga-Orinda Fire District staff provided to BART riders and employees during the partial train derailment near the Orinda BART Station on January 1, 2024.

BART is critical to the economy and reinforces the Bay Area's identity as one region. With federal and state relief funds, BART has restored service to pre-pandemic levels and is pursuing initiatives to make the system safer, cleaner, and more reliable. BART not only connects Moraga and Orinda residents to jobs and leisure activities throughout the Bay Area, but it also brings visitors and workers to Orinda's downtown, commercial, and entertainment centers.

Due to the strong relationships that you and your staff have with BART, a highly successful fire life safety response occurred to the incident on January 1. Your leadership and commitment to ongoing training and preparedness with BART helped avoid a more serious incident. Only minor injuries were sustained, and we were able to restore full train service by the next morning.

Thank you again for your extraordinary assistance and ongoing partnership to help ensure the safety of our riders and Moraga-Orinda residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert M. Powers'.

Robert M. Powers  
General Manager

cc: Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors