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### **Cerritos College Board Passes Resolution to Mitigate Residents' Concerns on Lot Improvements at 166th Street and Studebaker Road**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 7, 2017** – The Cerritos College Board of Trustees passed a resolution to express its commitment to uphold several proposed improvements to changes to the corner Lot located at 166<sup>th</sup> Street and Studebaker Road at its September 6 meeting. The District's proposed changes are subject to the approval of a Temporary Use Permit by the City of Cerritos at its September 18 council meeting. Upon approval of the Temporary Use Permit of the land, the District could be granted a four-year permit from the City of Cerritos. The District also proposes to host quarterly meetings with residents to address any potential concerns.

Based on initial feedback and direction from the City of Cerritos, and top concerns the District learned from residents during its August 23, 2017 community forum, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution to address the following concerns:

1. **Loading and unloading** - to take place at the dealer site and not at the District. Vehicles will not be transported via a delivery truck. Cars will be driven individually through the College's parking Lot 10 as demands for daily inventory arise. Hours of operations will be Monday – Sunday, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
2. **Dust mitigation** – proposal to use an environmentally friendly type of decomposed granite to reduce dust
3. **Landscape** – the District will install durable, green vinyl fabric (privacy screens) to the fences to minimize visibility from the street
4. **Lighting** – based on a third-party report from the District's current Facilities Master Plan (2011), the District does not expect its lighting fixtures to negatively impact residents. The District's plan for lighting produces less illumination or brightness than normal street lights.

A full explanation of the improvements can be found online at:  
[www.cerritos.edu/corner-lot-pdf](http://www.cerritos.edu/corner-lot-pdf)

"It is important to us that the community knows that we heard their concerns about the changes to the lot and we want to remain good neighbors by addressing those issues that the community raised," said Dr. Shin Liu, clerk, Board of Trustees who represents Area 5, covering the cities of Cerritos, Artesia, Norwalk and portions of Lakewood and Santa Fe Springs. "While our plans for the lot are not final, they are intended to be temporary and we are committed to working with residents and the City to mitigate as many of their concerns as possible."

"It was an important opportunity to hear from our community members as it relates to public safety in- and –around the College and the changes to the Lot," said James Cody Birkey, member of the Board of Trustees who represents Area 3,

including portions of Cerritos, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk and portions of South Gate. "It is critical for us to always be mindful of the neighborhood experience in current and future projects, and what it means to our residents to live next to Cerritos College. We hope these strategies will address the concerns raised by residents, and actually create a win-win for the College and the community because of the input."

For feedback and questions, please email [community@cerritos.edu](mailto:community@cerritos.edu) or call 562-860-2451, Ext. 2292.

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