

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
ANNUAL ADVOCACY TRIP – WASHINGTON, DC
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CORONA EDUCATION CENTER

ISSUE: Inland Southern California faces significant workforce shortages in healthcare, STEM, clean logistics, and advanced manufacturing, driven by rapid population growth and low degree attainment. Norco College’s current capacity within RCCD cannot meet regional demand for high-skill training, limiting residents’ access to family-sustaining career pathways and constraining employer competitiveness.

ACTION: The Monday Morning Group urges Congress to support a FY27 Community Project Funding request of \$12 million to RCCD for the Corona Education Center (CEC) through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill—HUD Community Development Fund Economic Development Initiative. Funding will complete site and transit infrastructure, core construction, workforce program build-out, technology systems, exterior improvements, and necessary professional services to establish a fully operational education and training center at 835 N. Main Street, Corona, CA 92878.

BACKGROUND: The CEC, an extension of Norco College, will expand regional capacity for career and technical education, introduce STEM and allied health programs, and align instruction with employer demand to prepare residents for high-wage, in-demand careers. The Center will integrate technical training, academic coursework, and comprehensive student support to reduce equity gaps and strengthen the regional workforce pipeline.

The project is estimated to begin in January 2027, can obligate funds within 12 months of enactment, and can scale with partial awards, supported by local capital funding from Measure CC (approved November 2024).

Requested Allocations Breakdown	
Item	Cost
Site & Transit Infrastructure	\$1,650,000
Core Construction	\$5,750,000
Technology Systems	\$1,600,000
Exterior Improvements	\$650,000
Professional Services	\$1,000,000
Contingency	\$500,000
Total	\$12,000,000