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Unprecedented partnership benefits City, University and region

Sacramento State and the City of Sacramento are joining forces to improve the quality of life in Sacramento and the surrounding region.

On Thursday, Aug. 28 in Sacramento State's University Union, University President Alexander Gonzalez, Mayor Heather Fargo and City Manager Ray Kerridge will formalize a collaborative agreement with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and University. With the MOU, both entities will seek to strengthen and expand their collaboration and find opportunities to realize their complementary visions.

Among other items, the City and Sacramento State are committing to the following:

- Discuss opportunities for collaboration for seamless planning and smart growth
- Establish a process for facilitating service learning, internship and applied research opportunities in the City of Sacramento management, departments and programs for Sacramento State students and faculty
- Review the Economic and Workforce Development projections for the city and make recommendations to address emerging trends

"This is an unprecedented, strategic collaboration that will transform the City and the University," says Gonzalez. "In these challenging economic times, we've created a way to pull our resources together and utilize the University's faculty expertise, student intellect and energy to serve the City."

"A great city needs a great university and we are committed to working together to achieve our joint goals - making the City of Sacramento the 'Most livable City in America' and making Sacramento State a premiere metropolitan university," said Mayor Fargo. "Our collective efforts benefits Sacramento residents and our students today and those benefits will multiply as we continue working together into the future."

Kerridge says, "We recognize the importance of education to the City and the region. The vision here is that the City and the University are one."

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