



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Beverlee J. McClure

DATE: October 24, 2016

RE: La Manzanilla Event Center/Jack Farms LLC

I wanted to take this opportunity for full disclosure about Adams State University's use of the La Manzanilla Event Center. As some of you know, this event center is located on the property of our board chair, Arnold Salazar. It is a very unique space and one of a kind in the San Luis Valley.

The University has used the event center on several occasions. As you can see from the attached spreadsheet, most of those have been at no cost to the University. Arnold and Marguerite Salazar have graciously donated the space for our use.

On two occasions, grant-funded programs used the space. Both times, the Salazars graciously discounted the rate. In fact, for one event, a wedding needed to be moved from the Event Center and the Salazars paid \$1,400 out of their own pocket to accommodate the University event.

While our detractors continue to try and find fault with the leadership of the University, I assure you that we are transparent and accountable in all of our actions. In fact, I would say that the current leadership has far exceeded the transparency normally expected in business transactions.

I want to thank Arnold and Marguerite Salazar for their generosity for providing this wonderful Center for University and community events.

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