MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
ADMINISTRATION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
DATE: July 12, 2016
SUBJECT: Warwick University Presentation

ACTION REQUESTED
1. Receive a presentation by representatives from the University Development Foundation and Warwick University.

DISCUSSION
Foundation and University representatives will provide your Board and the regional community with an update on plans to locate a world-class university in Placer County. As plans crystallize, the University has been analyzing enrollment and curricula, as well as overall economic impact and phasing. In addition, University representatives will discuss efforts underway and envisioned for engaging the entire community.

BACKGROUND
The Regional University Specific Plan project was approved by Placer County in 2008 and includes a University Property for a four-year university (including a core campus, faculty housing, student housing, and administrative facilities) and a Community Property (including a higher density university village with mixed-use commercial/residential and low-medium density residential villages). The project will provide a diversity of housing choices with overall densities higher than historically developed in the unincorporated area, and will provide both construction jobs and permanent jobs for residents of Placer County and surrounding areas.

The University of Warwick, ranked as the 6th top research university in the United Kingdom and consistently among the top 100 universities worldwide, initiated establishment of a campus that will educate as many as 6,000 students annually on the University Property. The County has adopted a resolution that supports the establishment of a four-year University in south Placer County on the Regional University Specific Plan – University Property and a residential, commercial and mixed use project on the Community Property. Further, the Board supports the County’s direct participation in any local, state or federal permitting activity required before the University Property or Community Property can be developed, due to the public benefits of the project to the County and due to the charitable nature of the venture itself.

FISCAL IMPACT
None.