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## Press Release

The Orcutt Union School District (OUSD) Board of Trustees are pleased to announce a partnership with TAIT & Associates who will soon develop senior housing on leased surplus school district property. The project will bridge intergenerational learning environments for students and senior citizens, provide multiple levels of care for residents, include workforce housing, and provide funding through a long-term lease agreement where funds will initially be used to support our Orcutt school facilities. The project will capture, through its architecture and function, the charm and beauty of Old Town Orcutt.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have been selected by Orcutt Union School District to develop Key Site 17. Our goal is simple – to develop a project that will be cherished by the District and the entire community of Orcutt for generations to come. At every point in this journey, our team has been inspired by the Mission of Orcutt Union School District. In addition to creating a vibrant and dynamic senior community, our project will seek to nurture, educate, empower, and inspire children of Orcutt Union School District," stated Trevor Tait of TAIT & Associates. One of the shared cornerstones of this project is an intergenerational care component that creates an environment where Orcutt students and seniors can interact in educational and meaningful ways.

OUSD Board President Lisa Morinini shared, "this project is a welcome addition to the Orcutt community and it will support our mission for our students by tapping into a valuable community resource, our senior citizens. We look forward to working with TAIT & Associates and thank the Santa Barbara County Board for their continued support of this project." Superintendent Dr. Deborah Blow proudly stated, "this project always was, is, and will be, all about the students in the Orcutt Union School District! We are excited to have a new partner (TAIT & Associates) that supports our mission."

The project will be developed at Key Site 17, located on Soares Avenue between Dyer Street and South 1st Street, near the OUSD District Office. Initial occupancy of the 233 units is projected during 2021-2022. More project information can be found on the OUSD website: <u>www.orcuttschools.net</u>.

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Please contact the Superintendent's office at (805) 938 - 8907 if you have any questions.