



**Supporting Lake County Students  
Through Partnership with  
Taylor Observatory-Norton Planetarium**

***and Cooperation with the  
Lake County Office of Education***

April, 2016

To: Mr. Brock Falkenberg, Superintendent,  
Lake County Office of Education (LCOE)

Subject: Commitment of \$100,000 to LCOE for Taylor Observatory/STEM Center  
Upgrade/Expansion

Whereas the Friends of Taylor Observatory-Norton Planetarium, a California 501 (c) (3) Corporation, has received a \$100,000 donation, the organization hereby commits entire amount of this gift to fund, partially or completely, various proposed upgrades at Taylor Observatory.

Guidelines for the commitment of funds:

1. Funds to be used toward a stand-alone building incorporating, as a minimum, the following features, but subject to available total funding:
  - a. Classroom/workspace for students
  - b. An exhibit hall for displays in the general areas of astronomy, geology, climate change, solar energy and related areas.
  - c. An outdoor multi-use platform for telescopic observations.
  - d. A storage area for the Taylor's telescopes.
  - e. A solar observing facility with appropriate safeguards for student observations.
  - f. A lighting system for the Taylor parking lot.
  - g. Additional features by mutual agreement.
2. Payments of moneys from Friends of Taylor Observatory to Lake County Office of Education to be incremental and subject to approval, for consistency with project goals, by the FOTO Board of Directors. The FOTO Board understands that there are constraints imposed by CA state requirements for educational facilities.
3. FOTO will seek additional donations to support the project.
4. As stipulated by the donor, Mr. Charles Neiman (deceased), some part of the facility shall carry the donor's name, subject to naming regulations of the State of California. The parties note that the naming provision is the *only* stipulation of the \$100,000 donation, which was received in March 2014. Friends of Taylor

Observatory will inform the family of Mr. Neiman, specifically, Mr. Richard Neiman of Chicago IL, of plans and progress.

5. This resolution approved by unanimous vote of the FOTO Board of Directors on March 14, 2016.
6. This agreement to transfer funds expires on April 1, 2017 but may be extended by renewal or re-negotiation between LCOE and FOTO.

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