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Following discussion at its May 5, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee approved by email vote the following policy recommendation.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Resolution to Name the Area Adjacent to the *new* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Library the Robert L. Caret Plaza

- Whereas:** The vision of a new library, funded, designed, and operated jointly by San Jose State University and the City of San Jose is now a reality; and
- Whereas:** President Robert L. Caret encouraged and supported University constituents to work with City partners to develop the innovative library design and delivery of information services; and
- Whereas:** He has been a tireless fundraiser on behalf of the *new* King Library Campaign; and
- Whereas:** Through the creation of the library and other acts, he will be remembered for identifying San Jose State University as the Silicon Valley's Metropolitan University: building bridges from the university to the community through his active support of the arts and engagement in civic initiatives and business in an effort to improve the community in which the University resides; developing a President's Scholars Program to recruit the best and brightest students to San Jose State University; creating innovative faculty housing programs to recruit and retain outstanding faculty; creating a Campus Climate Office and forming three ethnic Community Advisory Councils to improve communication both within the campus and between the campus and the community; supporting the role of shared governance on our campus; and working with students to renovate and preserve an historic building as a University House for Associated Student Government Offices; and
- Whereas:** He started by washing the windows on campus, a symbolic first step that has made us all proud of our beautiful and historic campus; now therefore, be it
- Resolved:** That the area adjacent to the *new* Martin Luther King, Jr., Library and facing Tower Hall where he worked during his eight-year tenure as President of San Jose State University be named the Robert L. Caret Plaza; and be it further
- Resolved:** That suitable signage be placed to designate the naming.

ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved and signed by Provost Marshall Goodman during President Caret's absence on May 12, 2003.