

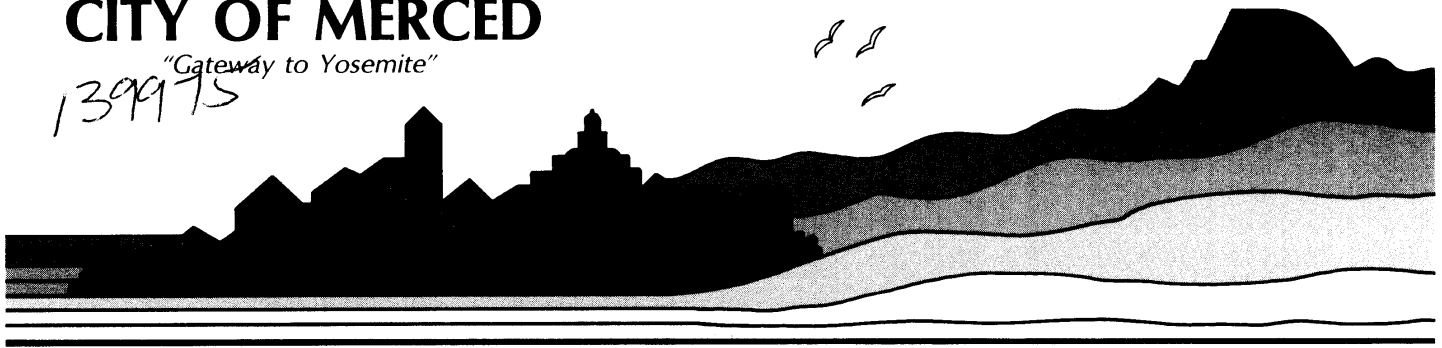
Request For Extension

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Dear Mr. Devany:

This is in response to your letter of August 27, 2001 regarding proposals for Essential Air Service to the City of Merced. Scenic Airlines will be making a presentation to our Airport Authority at a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2001.

The Authority will, after discussing Scenic's service proposal, forward a recommendation to the City Council for consideration at their Monday, October 1, 2001 meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request a time extension until Thursday, October 4, 2001 to provide you our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo Knudsen".

MARY JO KNUDSEN
 Mayor