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EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARD

28 June 2013

**CHANCELLOR MICHAEL V. DRAKE  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE**

RE: TRANSFORMATION OF THE PROGRAM IN PUBLIC HEALTH TO  
THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

UC Irvine's Program in Public Health is a ten-year old academic unit that has grown rapidly to make impressive contributions to the research, education, and community service mission of the university. The undergraduate program enrolls 1,200 students and graduates 500 students a year. The alumni are employed in various public health sectors in the community. The professional Masters program is small, but of very high quality, and research doctorate training programs have been launched successfully. The faculty members are engaged in extramurally-funded research activities advancing the mission of evidence-based public health at various levels, including community based interventions and investigations of risk factors and vulnerable populations. Based on these accomplishments, the Program earned full accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health granted from 2012 – 2017.

Members of the External Advisory Board of the Program in Public Health believe that this is an opportune time to advance to the next stage of the strategic vision for organizing diverse public health initiatives at UC Irvine. We believe that the next accreditation review of the academic unit should occur with the plan to gain accreditation as a School of Public Health. For this to happen, the support of your administration is needed for the proposal to establish a School of Public Health and to shepherd the proposal through the systemwide review process and endorsement by the Regents of the University of California, Irvine. There are several reasons to embark on the creation of a School of Public Health at this time:

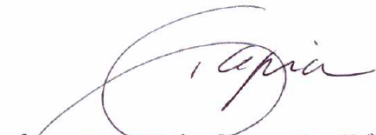
- 1) The future of health care is requiring a focus on prevention and population health management. It is critical that these foundational elements of public health be visible at UCI at the level of a School.
- 2) Orange County does not have a School of Public Health. In order for UCI to demonstrate its leadership and prominence in the field of public health it needs this level of prominence to differentiate itself from other programs in the County.

3) A School of Public Health provides a stronger platform to seek private and government funding to support public health research, as well as to recruit top students and faculty.

We note that the University of California System has only two Schools of Public Health (UCLA and UC-Berkeley) both established more than 50 years ago. UC Irvine is primed to be the next School of Public Health within the UC System. With the solid foundation, unique academic features, and accomplishments of the current Program in Public Health, we expect that a new School of Public Health will be a major asset for the university and for the Orange County region.

Sincerely,

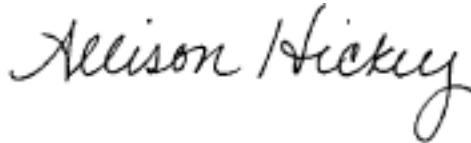
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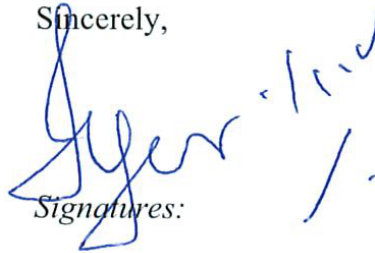
  
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