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California State Senate

SENATOR DAVE MIN

THIRTY-SEVENTH SENATE DISTRICT



January 15, 2021

Board of Regents University of California 1111 Franklin Street Oakland, California 94607

Subject: UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport

Dear UC Board of Regents,

I write in support of UCI's new hospital project on its north campus, the UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport. This is a very welcome and natural investment for the university – which has seen rapid growth in health education and research – especially as we look at the growing and advanced needs for medical care in my district.

While there is much growth in health facilities across coastal and southern Orange County, the value that UCI Health brings to my constituents is second to none. The Center for Advanced Care and Center for Children's Health will provide life-enhancing therapies, personalized medicine, and access to complex care experts without having to leave the region. The current pandemic situation also highlights the need for urgent and emergency care. UCI Health is able to deliver one of the best COVID patient outcomes because of the advanced care and integration of predictive modeling of patient trajectory in our facilities. I am excited for the quality of care and lifestyle opportunities that will be available.

Our community will benefit from the care that UCI is taking preserve, protect and enhance the environment surround the project. The commitment to preserve the naturescape and adjacent San Joaquin Marsh Reserve to protect species and for ecological research is very much in line with the UCI values to sustainability that I have become familiar with over the years.

Finally, we recognize with pride that UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport will put people to work and create economic opportunity for local businesses.

People elect us to office to make difficult decisions. However, the choice to support UCI's expansion and commitment to our region's health care is one we do with considerable ease.

Thank you for the UC system's commitment to bring new care facilities, as well as new jobs and economic opportunities.

Sincerely,

Senator Dave Min

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