

January 18, 2021

University of California Board of Regents
1111 Franklin St., 12th floor
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear University of California Board of Regents,

Orange County Business Council (OCBC), which represents the largest and most innovative employers in America's sixth largest county, is writing in support of the UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport. As an organization dedicated to enhancing Orange County's economic development and prosperity to preserve a high quality of life, we believe the UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport will play a critical role in that mission. Orange County's industry sector diversity, ethnic diversity, talent pool, strong jobs and innovation base, truly makes it the de facto "capital" of Southern California, helping all surrounding counties achieve regional economic recovery post-pandemic.

The tremendous impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region hospitals have been stretched to maximum capacity. The UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport's mission is more important than ever. As the only academic health center in Orange County, UCI has a history of delivering groundbreaking research as well as innovative clinical care that will be vital to positioning the region to address future health crises while providing residents the best opportunity to live a healthy life.

The UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport will also significantly contribute to the health of the local economy, creating upward of 2,500 new construction and staffing jobs. It will provide new vendor and partnership opportunities for Orange County-based businesses, which will help further the region's economy.

OCBC fully supports the UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport as its impact is vital to the future of the Orange County community.

Sincerely,



Lucy Dunn
President and Chief Executive Officer

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