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Board of Regents
University of California
1111 Franklin Street
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Dear Board of Regents,

I write today in support of the University California, Irvine's plans for a new medical center on the northern edge of the campus and in my district. UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport will bring premier-quality, leading-edge care to the coastal and southern regions of Orange County.

With the investment in health care in our region, UCI is elevating the critical health care infrastructure in Orange County, especially in the southern and coastal areas, by providing access to the life-enhancing therapies, advanced innovations, leading experts, and complex procedures. I am excited for the innovative patient care to arrive, including the UCI Health Center for Advanced Care and the Center for Children's Health. Increased access to urgent and emergency care, adult specialties and offices devoted to oncology, neurosciences, orthopedics, and spine and digestive health will serve our constituents' growing needs in these areas.

I laud your leadership in planning for this hospital in such a way that enhances the natural beauty and parklike atmosphere of the area while protecting vital environmental assets. The community and university will undoubtedly benefit from the healing garden, trails and footpaths along the San Joaquin Marsh Reserve, as well as continued use of the site for ecological research.

UCI's commitment to exceed UC Sustainable Practices Policy goals and meet or exceed LEED Silver equivalency and the California Green Building Standards Code is no surprise to anyone familiar with the university. Nonetheless, your investment in efficient sustainability devices which are expected to result in energy efficiency that exceeds California Title 24 criteria by at least 20%, is commendable.

Finally, I 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 I do with considerable ease.

Thank you in advance for your efforts in bringing this new hospital to Orange County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Petrie-Norris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cottie Petrie-Norris
Assembly District 74