



January 15, 2021

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

Subject: UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport
The University of California, Irvine

Dear University of California Regents:

Project Hope Alliance supports the approval of the UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport for the University of California, Irvine. This planned development, which also includes a Center for Children's Health, is a welcomed addition for our residents of Orange County.

UCI has been an instrumental partner in advancing our mission to improve learning outcomes for students at every level from kindergarten through graduate school – closing the gaps in student performance, removing barriers, and allowing them to flourish. We recognize that one of those barriers is limited access to health care and are optimistic that this new project by UCI will further expand access to health care options for families, parents, and children in Orange County.

We also look forward to the opportunities UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport will provide the community to participate in lectures, events, and other educational opportunities at UCI. We appreciate the thoughtful planning UCI has in store for the community through the access to the parklike grounds, healing garden, and naturescapes connected by trails and footpaths along the San Joaquin Marsh Reserve.

As an Alumna, I am especially proud of the UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport and the doors the university will continue to open for our future generations.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Friend, J.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Project Hope Alliance