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Mr. Gerald L. Parsky
Chairman
University of California Board of Regents
1111 Franklin St., 12th floor
Oakland, California 94607

RE: Support for the Proposed University of California, Riverside School of Medicine

Dear Mr. Parsky,

On behalf of the City of San Bernardino, I am pleased to write this letter in support of a School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside.

As you are well aware, the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino represent over 10% of the state's entire population and we are experiencing a decades' long population explosion. To date, only one-quarter of physicians practicing in California were trained within the state. This deficiency in statewide training facilities coupled with the current and expected population growth in this area make the Inland Empire an obvious choice for a medical school.

A UC Riverside School of Medicine would be the first new public school of medicine in the western half of the country in this century. It would also be the first research-based school of medicine in California in over 50 years. History can be made with the establishment of this school! UC Riverside will be building on 30 years of success because it has been offering the first two-years of medical school through the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences. This program can and will easily evolve into a comprehensive school of medicine.

For these and many more reasons, I wholeheartedly support the UC Riverside's efforts to obtain a medical school. I urge local and state legislators and the Regents of the University of California to also support the efforts of UC Riverside.

Respectfully,

Patrick J. Morris

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