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February 12, 2019

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
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The Honorable Philip Y. Ting
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The Honorable Richard D. Roth
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee 1
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The Honorable Kevin McCarty
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2
Capitol Office, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California State University- Chula Vista

Dear Budget and Subcommittee Chairs:

We are writing to respectfully request your assistance for an important opportunity to support the review of a potential CSU campus in Chula Vista, California. The Governor's FY 2019-20 budget proposal includes \$2 million one-time for a potential campus in Stockton. We are requesting an additional \$2 million for a campus in Chula Vista.

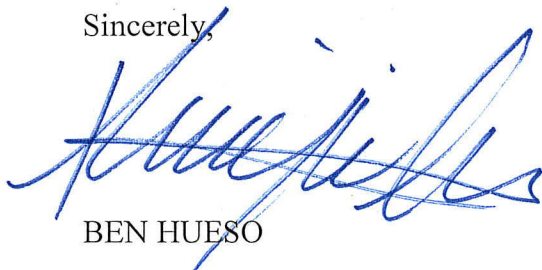
On April 1, 1996, the L.A. Times first reported on the City of Chula Vista's efforts to recruit a four-year university by offering to donate 150 acres to any institution interested in opening a campus. Since that time many local, regional and state elected officials have continued to author bills and work collaboratively to gain statewide support for Chula Vista's university.

Today, the City of Chula Vista is committed to creating a University and Innovation District on 375-acres of city-owned land in Eastern Chula Vista. The city aims to recruit a four-year university that will integrate with commercial, retail and residential functions in an urban, mixed-use setting. This will provide a collaborative learning and research environment for engaging students, faculty and corporations in the creation and application of knowledge for cross-border economic, social and cultural development. The University will offer a globally desirable range of academic, entrepreneurial, and urban amenities to attract the talent and investment that will sustain a world-class educational-innovation ecosystem.

The site is situated next to an 11,375-acre ecological preserve, less than two miles from the United States-Mexico international border, and is adjacent to the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center — both of which provide unique opportunities for the University. The University and Innovation District is planned to be California's next great university. An investment of \$2 million from the State will send a strong message to interested educational institutions that we are serious about a university in the southern San Diego.

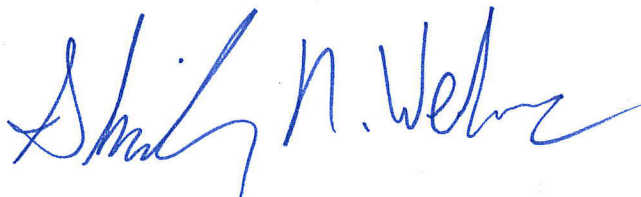
We thank you for considering our request and look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,



BEN HUESO

Senator, 40th District



SHIRLEY WEBER

Assemblymember, 79th District