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**MARK G. YUDOF, PRESIDENT
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Re: Governor's ballot measure

Dear Mark:

At its May 2012 meeting, the Academic Council unanimously called on the Board of Regents to endorse the Governor's November ballot measure, which would raise additional state revenue. We ask that you convey Council's unanimous recommendation to the Board.

As you know, in April the Senate passed by an overwhelming margin a Memorial to the Regents calling on them to "support specific ballot measures and legislation that will increase state revenues and/or specific ballot measures and legislation that will prioritize funding for public higher education." The Governor's ballot measure clearly will increase state revenue if it is adopted. While there is no specific provision for higher education in the Governor's ballot measure, the additional revenues generated will free up general funds that would otherwise be dedicated to public safety and Proposition 98 commitments to K-14. The anticipated revenue freed up was used in the Governor's budget and May revision to shield UC and CSU from the cuts proposed for most other state agencies.

Furthermore, the Governor's budget and May revision propose that UC and CSU would each be cut by \$250 million if the ballot measure fails. As of today, it appears likely the Legislature will adopt this trigger cut provision. If the Governor's ballot measure fails and the additional cut is triggered, it would be devastating to our campuses.

Clearly, the University of California will be substantially better off if the Governor's ballot measure passes than if it fails. It is imperative that the Board of Regents formally endorse the Governor's ballot measure.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Anderson, Chair
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