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Deputy Chancellor Gonzales:

For more than 20 years, the California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS) has served on the Governing Board for the Community College League of California (CCLC or the League). The professional commitment on the part of 4CS and our Classified colleagues constitutes a significant contribution of time and talent to the management of the League's business affairs. Additionally, 4CS leadership has been instrumental in the establishment and evaluation of the annual education policy agenda and our legislative program.

As you are aware, the League Board of Directors oversees a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose voluntary membership consists of the 73 public community college districts in California. The League advocates on districts' behalf at the state and federal levels, provides professional development for California's community college leadership, and offers a variety of district services to increase efficiency and support our member's missions.

In our policy development and advocacy work, we encourage community college leaders to consistently evaluate and assess the changing nature of local board leadership. From the recommendations in a recent report, *Toward a State of Learning: Community College Governance— an Effective Bilateral Structure for a Diverse System*, it states, "The state board and local boards should function as partners in policy and leadership." As the League's President and CEO, the League strongly supports the inclusion of 4CS on the Consultation Council for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. We believe admittance of a 4CS member on the Consultation Council represents a logical progression toward the goal of a more inclusive Consultation Council.

The League's partnership with 4CS includes the active participation of the organization in multiple ways: The 4CS President serves as the 2nd Vice Chair/Secretary on the League Board; presents during the opening ceremony at the Annual Conference; facilitates professional development workshops; serves on the Advisory Committee on Legislation (ASL), and engages in our decision-making discussions.

4CS's advocacy role supports innovative means to implement new strategies that contribute to the community college mission. The League's 26 year relationship with 4CS includes collaboration on the Annual Classified Leadership Institute (CLI) which offers the opportunity for classified professionals to receive professional development training and guidance in the creation and maintenance of Classified Senates and legislative awareness.

The League sincerely appreciates consideration of the inclusion of 4CS on Consultation Council for a more inclusive and representative body advising the Chancellor and Board of Governors.

Respectfully Submitted,

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