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California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, Suite 4400
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Dear Chancellor Gonzales

Please accept this letter of support for Oxnard College's proposal to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop a baccalaureate program in Dental Hygiene. As a current member of the College's Advisory Committee for the Dental Hygiene Program, I have had the opportunity to see the impact the high demand programs can have on students and the community.

I have personally been intimately involved with this program since its beginning. I had the honor of being an elected Trustee to the Ventura County Community College District from 1994-2002 and served as the Chair of the Committee that began the dental hygiene program at Oxnard College. This program has been a "gift" to the citizens of Ventura County generally and Oxnard specifically for over 25 years.

With the requirements for Dental Hygiene faculty members to hold a baccalaureate degree, we desperately need additional baccalaureate programs in Dental Hygiene to ensure we have sufficient faculty to train the next generation of Dental Hygienists. Currently, the lack of prospective faculty with baccalaureate degrees prohibits the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Educational Program from expanding to accept additional applicants to meet workforce demands in our community. This program would also prepare local students for future careers in education at a much more affordable tuition rate and eliminate the barriers associated with relocating to complete their education.

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The citizens of Ventura County have high hopes for this program. In 2002, the county passed a bond issue to allow for expansion of the community colleges. A new facility for the Dental Hygiene program was part of those plans and has been built. It is a beautiful facility that the men and women attending this program can be proud of. We believe this program will be a great addition to our local community college offerings and will assist low-income students in achieving baccalaureate degrees and will meet local and statewide workforce needs.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. The best number is my cell 805-208-9604 or email me at nagelwire@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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