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San Diego Chicano/Latino Concilio on Higher Education
San Diego, California

Assembly Member David Alvarez
California State Assembly, District 80
San Diego, California

February 6, 2023

Dear Assembly Member Alvarez:

On behalf of the San Diego Chicano/Latino Concilio on Higher Education, we would like to express our gratitude for your recent work on behalf of the Chicano/Latino community of San Diego. As you know, our SD Concilio has long been an active advocate for access and success among Chicano/Latino students in local, public colleges and universities.

We are especially grateful for your advocacy for the extension of the Compact for Success program between San Diego State University and the Sweetwater Unified High School District. This program represents a model for collaboration between a university and school district that increases access and support for Chicano/Latino students that have historically lacked the social capital to further their education. We believe that your support for this program was instrumental to its extension, and we thank you for your critical activism.

In addition, we thank you for your sponsorship of the proposed AB-91, a pilot program that would enable low-income students who live in Mexico to be eligible for in-state tuition rates at a SDICCCA member college. We strongly support this proposed legislation and its intent to increase opportunities for Mexicano students that will contribute to our regional economy and sociocultural fabric.

For years, our SD Concilio has struggled to convince the Latino state legislators representing San Diego to fulfill their responsibility to support local Chicanos/Latinos in higher education. We appreciate that your work for our community has brought needed energy to that effort and increases the accountability of local, public colleges and universities to the San Diego Chicano/Latino community. We look forward to further work with you. Adelante!

Sinceramente,

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