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Denise Montoya President AAUW - Long Beach Branch PO Box 15023 Long Beach, CA 90815

Dear Ms. Montoya:

The California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) has been in existence since 1989. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our members over a 30-year span, we have been able to make significant strides in improving the campus environment for all CSULB women by removing inequities that restrict the full participation and advancement of women. Some of our contributions include:

- Raising funds to build what is now the Child and Family Center to provide childcare for CSULB employees
- Creating an Ombudsman position on campus to explain university policy and procedures, provide informal conflict resolution, and act as an agent for organizational change
- Helping to establish comprehensive Sexual Harassment policies and reporting procedures
- Providing access to scholarship opportunities and sponsorship for programs that bring awareness to women's issues
- Creating the Women's Research Colloquium as a means for recognizing and celebrating the scholarly work and accomplishments of CSULB women

As we approach our 30th Anniversary and look to the future, we envision a growing awareness and appreciation of PCSW as a vehicle for gender equality and women's empowerment. Thus, I am reaching out to you as the President of the AAUW - LB branch, with an invitation to become an official community partner. In 2018, AAUW was selected to receive the PCSW Community Organization Award. This award recognizes community-based organizations that have effectively collaborated with CSULB and demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women.

As a response to capture this momentum, PCSW would like to continue its partnership with AAUW - LB in an official capacity. The partnership would be for the duration of a two-year term. The role of community partner will be invaluable to ensure that we understand and coordinate the needs of women at CSULB and in the larger Long Beach community with our collaborated effort. Your resources and expertise in policy, leadership and professional development will be key in fostering educational and professional exchanges that will be of mutual benefit.

Goals for partnership include:

Professional Development

 AAUW provide AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop for CSULB staff and faculty

Leadership Development

 CSULB engage in campus outreach to promote student participation in the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and civic engagement through the AAUW Two-Minute Activist Program

Resource Access

• CSULB distribute Campus Connection e-Newsletter for AAUW grant and fellowship information to students, faculty and staff

Voting Initiative

 CSULB will welcome collaboration with AAUW to coordinate voter registration on campus in honor of the upcoming 2020 Centennial Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote

Your commitment to advancing the status of women is precisely why we believe you will be a great partner. For additional information about PCSW, please check our webpage at

http://www.csulb.edu/presidents-commission-the-status-of-women/presidents-letter

We look forward to receiving your response to this official invitation and would appreciate your decision by Friday, October 18, 2019.

Sincerely,

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President

California State University, Long Beach

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