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**MEETING REQUEST TO DISCUSS BETTER REPRESENTATION OF
STUDENT INTERESTS ON REGENT BOARD**

Dear Richard C. Blum, Chairman:

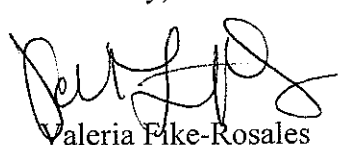
The Greenlining Institute has worked closely with UC students statewide to make college more affordable and diverse, and to make governance of the public university system more transparent and accountable. Through these efforts, it has become clear to us that the Board of Regents could do much better in both areas.

To that end, we are interested in your thoughts on the following proposed changes to composition and functioning of the Board of Regents:

- 1) Reducing Regent terms from twelve years to six years
- 2) Requiring that one-third of the currently-appointed Board of Regents be elected by California voters (rather than appointed)
- 3) Tripling the Student Regent representation to include three voting student members
- 4) Disqualifying from consideration for appointment to the Board of Regents any individual who has donated a total of more than twice the federal campaign legal limit (or currently, more than \$4600) to any combination of political campaigns in the last election year

We would like to meet with you to discuss these proposals and any other ideas you might have to make the Board of Regents more representative and accountable to its constituency. Would you please respond to this meeting request within the next ten days?

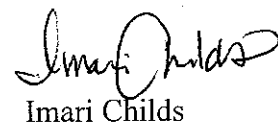
Sincerely,


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