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Ashley Johansson
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Circulating Title and Summary Request

Dear Ms. Ashley Johansson,

I am requesting that your office process and prepare a title and summary for my Constitutional Amendment to Create a University of California Online. Enclosed please find the complete text of the ballot measure, the required certifications, and a cashier's check for the \$2,000 fee. I am also enclosing a suggested title and summary for your consideration. I am the only proponent of this measure.

Thank you in advance for your full attention of this matter.

Sincerely,



Boyd Roberts, Founder

Enclosures

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

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The Attorney General of California has prepared the following circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(Here set forth the unique numeric identifier provided by the Attorney General and circulating title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. Both the Attorney General's unique numeric identifier and the circulating title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.)

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of Orange County, hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California, relating to the University of California, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or as otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendments read as follows:

The University of California Online

SECTION 1. The People of California find and declare all of the following:

- (a) The public has the right to audit all publicly owned post-secondary courses online at no cost.
- (b) The public has the right to access and enroll into all publicly owned post-secondary accredited degree programs and courses online at cost.
- (c) The purpose of this measure is, without impacting the tax payer: to further the public's right to access publicly owned postsecondary knowledge; to further the public's right to access publicly owned postsecondary accredited degree programs; to minimize the cost of that access; to create a high quality, fully accredited, publically accessible, free/low cost online university, known as the University of California Online, to facilitate that access; to create an online university that will authorize UC, CSU, and CCC students to access impacted classes and finish their UC, CSU, and CCC degrees, respectively, online; to create a new path for students to earn credit for and possibly enroll into UC; to encourage the use of open educational resources; to require that tuition at the

new university include course books and materials; to lower the costs of all UCO, UC, CSU, and CCC books – by creating large buyers of books (UCO and the UCO Bookstore) better able to negotiate lower book prices; to require tuition charged to students at the new university reflect actual costs and expenses, only; to require fully transparent tuition cost accounting at the new university; and, to authorize full funding of the University of California Online.

SECTION 2. Section 10 is added to Article IX of the California Constitution, to read:

SECTION 10.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (1) “CCC” means the California Community Colleges.**
- (2) “CSU” means the California State University.**
- (3) “Governors” means the Governors of the California Community Colleges.**
- (4) “Lab” means a science laboratory segment in a science class or any other portion of a course that requires the student to be physically present.**
- (5) “Regents” means the Regents of the University of California.**
- (6) “Trustees” means the Trustees of the California State University.**
- (7) “UC” means the University of California.**
- (8) “UCO” means the University of California Online.**
- (9) “UCO President” means the President of the University of California Online.**

(b) Notwithstanding Section 9, the Regents and the UCO President, appointed pursuant to subdivision (e), shall establish a separate online university of all University of California courses, academic programs, and digital libraries to be known as the “University of California Online”. The Regents, the UCO President, the Trustees, and the Governors shall also include any courses and programs only available in the CSU and CCC systems into UCO’s course and program offering. UCO will be comprised of the following two academic divisions:

(1) Division I shall authorize the public to audit all courses, programs, and digital libraries at no cost and to question professors, access course books, course materials, and labs at cost.

(2) Division II shall authorize full public access and enrollment of all accredited, degree courses and programs, including courses with labs at cost. Enrollment shall be open to all who apply. Students may complete courses at their own pace. Division II shall have tuition and, if applicable, lab fees. Tuition for Division II shall be set to cover all costs of both divisions. Tuition shall vary by course. Specific course tuition after reflecting UCO fixed, start up, and creation costs on a prorated basis, shall be based on the variable costs to create, deliver, and teach that specific course. UCO may only pass on legitimate costs to students. Tuition and lab fees charged to students shall not exceed costs. Course tuition shall include course books and materials. UCO’s line item cost accounting shall be publically viewable online.

(c) The Regents and UCO President shall ensure UCO Division II course curriculum is at least as rigorous as UC's, fully accredited, and fungible with UC. The Trustees and the Governors shall ensure that UCO Division II course credit is accepted as fully accredited course credit in their respective segments.

(d) The Regents and the UCO President shall encourage, but not require, the use of lower cost open educational resources. The Regents and the UCO President shall establish a nonprofit textbook bookstore of all UCO, UC, CSU, and CCC course books.

(e) The Regents shall appoint a UCO President to create, implement, administer, and lead UCO. If the office of the UCO President is vacant for 180 days for any reason, the Governor shall appoint the UCO President. The UCO President shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing entity and shall be an ex officio member of the Regents.

(f) Although UCO is an online university, some courses may require the student to be physically present in a lab or academic setting. UCO is authorized to teach and deliver lab segments of classes offline. As student demand is identified for such labs, the UCO President may contract with other entities local to the students, as necessary, to meet this demand. UCO may require tests to be proctored in a physical setting. As student demand for proctoring is identified, the UCO President may contract with other entities local to the student to meet this demand. Labs and proctoring are student costs.

(g). Once approved by the voters the Treasurer shall issue revenue bonds in an appropriate amount to fund UCO in its entirety. UCO shall repay these bonds from the tuition received.