

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 20, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Support of School of Medicine at University of California, Riverside

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors: support the inclusion in the federal Health Resources and Services Administration budget of \$100 million dedicated to the development of new medical schools and direct the Executive Office and the board's advocates in Washington, D.C. to further the Board's action.

**BACKGROUND:**

The federal budget inclusion of these funds would enable the development of new medical schools in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA). Should the \$100 million be included in the final budget, U.C. Riverside would be able to apply for needed funds to assist in the development of the medical school, including construction and facilities.

The UC Riverside School of Medicine would partner with regional hospitals and clinics for its clinical programs and would attract new physicians to practice in the Inland region. It would also encourage high-tech start-up companies and medical related facilities to locate in our communities. And finally, a medical school would improve healthcare dramatically throughout Riverside County.

Department Recommendation:

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Per Executive Office:

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# ADVOCACY ALERT

## UCR School of Medicine & the FY2011 Budget

### EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW'S HEALTH CARE

*Debate is underway in Washington D.C. on funding allocations for Fiscal Year 2011. The University of California, Riverside School of Medicine stands to be greatly impacted by proposals in both the Senate and the House. Your support is critical in the next two months.*

#### SENATE ADVOCACY

Senators Feinstein and Boxer are currently prioritizing their appropriations requests for Fiscal Year 2011. UC Riverside has submitted a request for \$5 million in support for instructional facilities, including medical simulation laboratory equipment, necessary to open the school.

UC Riverside needs you to express your support for the School of Medicine FY2011 Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) request of \$5 million. Please take the time to write a letter of support to both Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer.

**DEADLINE FOR SUPPORT IS**  
**APRIL 16, 2010**

#### Talking Points for Advocacy

- Support the UC Riverside request for \$5 million the FY2011 HRSA budget.
- The requested funding will contribute to capital improvements to expand teaching capacity in medical education.
- The use of simulation technology in medical education is gaining widespread adoption for its exceptional training advantages, enabling students to practice their skills responding to realistic clinical scenarios.
- The UCR School of Medicine is not a UC, City or County only issue, the full development of the School of Medicine will have far reaching impacts on the health and well being for Inland Southern California.

#### Points of Contact

Sen. Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Sen. Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

#### HOUSE ADVOCACY

House leaders have begun debating President Obama's FY2011 Budget Request. The request included \$7.6 billion for the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) of which \$100 million would be dedicated to the development of new medical schools in federally designated health professional shortage areas.

Should the \$100 million request be included in the final budget, UC Riverside would be able to apply for grants to assist in the development of the medical school including construction and facilities.

**DEADLINE FOR SUPPORT IS**  
**JUNE 1, 2010**

#### Talking Points for Advocacy

- Support the President's HRSA budget request of \$100 million for the development of medical schools.
- Physician shortages are projected at the national, state and regional levels. To minimize the impact of a looming national physician shortage – forecast to be at least 124,000 by 2025 – the American Association of Medical Colleges has called for a 30 percent expansion in medical school enrollments by 2015.
- The School of Medicine at UCR will address the severe physician shortage in Inland Southern California by training a diverse physician workforce and will partner with the region's health care providers, community members, researchers and educators to improve the health of people living in this region.

#### Points of Contact

Rep. Ken Calvert  
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Rep. Jerry Lewis  
House of Representatives  
2112 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Rep. Joe Baca  
House of Representatives  
2245 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Rep. Mary Bono-Mack  
House of Representatives  
104 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515



Senator Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

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This effort will directly create jobs, create a trained workforce, and address the acute health care needs of the Inland region. This is a unique opportunity to provide both a short term economic stimulus and a long term solution to a pressing need.

We hope you consider our request on behalf of our region.

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## **UCR School of Medicine An Economic Engine for Inland Southern California**

**Every primary care physician in California has an annual economic impact of nearly \$1 million, in addition to the much-needed medical care they provide.**

- Primary care physicians **create jobs, buy goods and services and generate income for other health care providers**, such as hospitals, specialist physicians and nursing facilities.
- Training and retaining more physicians in Inland Southern California will not only address the severe physician shortage. It will also **stimulate the economy in a region with one of the nation's highest unemployment and housing foreclosure rates.**

**The School of Medicine at UCR will itself have a transformative impact on the economy of Inland Southern California.**

- Medical schools and teaching hospitals in 2008 had a total economic impact in California of \$41.6 billion and accounted for nearly 235,000 jobs.
- Nationally, every dollar spent by a medical school/teaching hospital indirectly generates an additional \$1.30 when it is "re-spent" on other business and individuals, resulting in a total impact of \$2.30 per dollar.
- The UCR School of Medicine will **directly create hundreds of jobs**. It will also:
  - Generate construction of more than \$500 million.
  - Attract to the region millions of dollars of additional federal research funds.
  - Stimulate new business formation in high-tech industries as discoveries are spun off to develop new pharmaceuticals, medical devices and other health care innovations.
  - Incubate a new medical nanotechnology industry in Inland Southern California.
  - Collaborate in the education and training of other health care professionals to create jobs and meet workforce needs for nurses, pharmacy technicians, physician assistants and laboratory technicians.

***The School of Medicine is an investment in  
the future of Inland Southern California.***