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Dear California Stakeholder,

I am soliciting nominations for appointment to the California Breast Cancer Research Council, the oversight body to the California Breast Cancer Research Program, which the University of California administers on behalf of the state of California.

Current council members are listed on the program's Web site at [www.cabreastcancer.org/about/council/](http://www.cabreastcancer.org/about/council/). Council members provide invaluable guidance and oversight to the program. We are seeking nominations for three openings for three-year terms to begin September 1, 2010. In keeping with the state statutes (California Health & Safety Code, Section 104145), council members must represent a particular breast cancer constituency. This year, the University is seeking nominations in the following categories:

- **One representative from a breast cancer patient advocacy organization** who has an understanding of the scientific research funding process;
- **One practicing breast cancer medical specialist;** and
- **One representative from private industry**, particularly biotechnology or biopharmaceuticals.

I am seeking candidates who have demonstrated knowledge about and commitment to breast cancer issues, appreciate the urgency of the program's mission, and understand the need to challenge the status quo in breast cancer research. Although we provide new members with a thorough orientation to the CBCRP's grant-making policies and procedures, familiarity with the peer review process is preferred.

In addition to maintaining the balance between scientists and non-scientists specified in the statutes, we try to maintain a balance in expertise on the spectrum of breast cancer issues, regional representation, and institutional affiliation. However, commitment to the program's mission is the core criterion. **We are especially interested in candidates who represent underserved communities (e.g. racial/ethnic minorities, rural populations, and sexual minority women) and who come from outside the San Francisco Bay Area.**

In suggesting nominees, please keep in mind the following considerations.

- The council currently meets four times per year, usually for a day and a half.

- Members serve without compensation, but receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties.
- Council members must pledge to abide by the CBCRP's conflict of interest and confidentiality policies.
- ***By statute, council members are not eligible to seek or be awarded CBCRP grants as a principal investigator, serve in a substantial scientific role on a CBCRP-funded project, or benefit financially from CBCRP grants awarded during tenure on the council or for any grant cycle which the member helps plan.*** This policy is designed to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

To nominate someone, please use the enclosed form (or complete the form online at [www.cabreastcancer.org/about/councilNom.php](http://www.cabreastcancer.org/about/councilNom.php)) and submit their name and résumé no later than May 28th, 2010. Please also include acknowledgment that they are interested in serving, should they be selected.

While there will likely be more qualified candidates nominated than vacancies, please be assured that nominations will be kept on file for potential future council appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 987-9878 or [marion.kavanaugh-lynch@ucop.edu](mailto:marion.kavanaugh-lynch@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure