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Speaker Fabian Núñez
State Capitol Office
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Dear Speaker Núñez:

The Education Committee of the San Diego Branch NAACP supports your demand for an audit of the California State University System's post-employment compensation packages for an elite circle of high-ranking administrators. In addition, we stand ready to partner with you and other California legislators, the California Faculty Association, the Black Faculty and Staff Association, and concerned civic and activist groups to ensure your call for an audit of CSU's compensation packages is executed in January 2007, as you have indicated will be the case.

We find it deplorable that the Chancellor is allowed to give multi-million dollar payouts to former high-level CSU officials, to award tenured full professorships to favored administrators without appropriate review, and to give other former executives so-called "special projects" at taxpayer expense.

It is all the more outrageous that these improprieties are occurring at a time that educational access for our students is being severely diminished, important outreach programs are being gutted and/or defunded, and many of California's college-eligible students, particularly students of color, are being squeezed out of the CSU system.

We concur with California Faculty Association members that the most recent revelations regarding CSU's fiscal mismanagement is symptomatic of a system out of touch with its mission to provide an affordable college education to eligible California students—an increasing number of whom are students of color. Therefore, in addition to supporting your call for a legislative audit of CSU's financial excesses, we urge you also to call for an audit of policies and procedures that have led to a decline in Black and/or Hispanic students and faculty within the CSU system.

Thank you for your effort to hold CSU accountable to California taxpayers, families and students.

Sincerely,

Pat Washington, Chair
San Diego Branch NAACP Education Committee