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Marie Brown-Mercadel, Ph.D.
Deputy Director, Health and Human Services Agency
County of San Diego, East and North Central Regions
5055 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Marie Brown-Mercadel,

University City Community Association (UCCA) provides and promotes the civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in University City. UCCA also provides a forum where the interests of residents may be expressed and contributions made to the protection of life and property in the community.

We connect neighbors with each other and the University City community through a variety of outlets such as our monthly newsletter, our University City News website, Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor. UCCA hosts a monthly public meeting, also attended by elected officials, first responders, and local leaders, at our community branch library at which individual and/or neighborhood issues are brought to our board's attention for discussion and remedy.

UCCA leads a number of efforts such as Neighborhood Watch, a Buy Local program, tree/menorah lighting holiday event, street median beautification, and light pole street banners, that enhance a sense of community. UCCA also provides financial and promotional assistance to local public schools, Standley Recreation Council and community events such as Summer Concerts, the 4th of July Celebration, Oktoberfest, 5K runs, jog-a-thons, and Taste of the Triangle, that help make University City a better place to live, play, go to school and work.

University City Community Association is pleased to partner with the County of San Diego's Live Well San Diego vision for a region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving. UCCA enthusiastically supports the three components of Live Well San Diego for Building Better Health through improving the health of all residents and supporting healthy choices; Living Safely through ensuring residents are protected from crime and abuse, neighborhoods are safe and communities are resilient to disasters and emergencies; and Thriving through cultivating opportunities for all people and communities to grow, connect, and enjoy the highest quality of life.

As a recognized Live Well San Diego partner, UCCA will continue to be a leader for health, safety and well-being in the community; and will seek new opportunities to improve the health, safety and well-being of all San Diegans. We look forward to connecting with other Live Well San Diego partners to align our efforts, share resources and best practices, and explore ways of expanding our reach within our own community under the shared purpose of Live Well San Diego.

Thank you for recognizing University City Community Association as a Live Well San Diego partner.

Sincerely,

Barry Bernstein
University City Community Association President