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Dear Donna,

Dr. Daniel Ortiz asked me to provide you a letter of support to increase ADN enrollment at Imperial Valley College (IVC). Even though I am very supportive of increasing the nursing workforce in Imperial Valley, I am not in agreement with increasing IVC enrollment by 80 students. San Diego State University launched our Imperial Valley pre-licensure nursing program in 2021 and was approved for 40 students. We have slowly increased enrollment and are hoping to launch our full complement of 40 students in Fall of 2025. We increased slowly to ensure collaboration with IVC and did not want to displace IVC nursing students. We are also very aware of the lack of nurses to precept nursing students at both IV hospitals post pandemic due to turnover. We are very aware of the uncertainty of restructuring efforts to develop the Imperial County Healthcare District which could displace nursing students once both hospitals merge.

I am supportive of an increase of 20 LVN step up nursing students at IVC and working together to ensure our local clinical sites can handle both nursing programs. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information,

Best,

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June 10, 2024

Attn: Loretta Melby, Executive Officer

C/O: California Board of Registered Nursing

Dear California Board of Registered Nursing,

I hope this letter finds you well. As a longstanding partner in healthcare education of Imperial Valley College's (IVC) Nursing & Allied Health program, El Centro Regional Medical Center is proud to extend our wholehearted support for the Associate Degree in Registered Nursing (RN) program at IVC in their endeavor to expand their enrollment capacity for RN applicants.

For over six decades, IVC Nursing Program has been synonymous with excellence, producing competent and compassionate nurses who positively impact patient care in our communities. In that time, our agency has directly benefited from the notably high caliber quality of nurses produced from IVC as many have become employees and leaders within our agency.

Recognizing the growing demand for nursing professionals in both the state and national healthcare landscape, IVC seeks to increase its program's enrollment capacity from 80 to a stepwise increase to 150 annually. This expansion is not only a proactive response to workforce challenges but also a testament to their commitment to addressing critical shortages of qualified nurses in our region.

As a clinical agency that has worked closely with IVC's Nursing Program, we fully endorse their efforts to expand enrollment. We firmly believe that this initiative will not only enhance the quality of nursing education but also contribute significantly to improving patient care outcomes and healthcare delivery in our community.

We are committed to accommodating increased clinical placements for nursing students from IVC and ensuring that the standards of academic and clinical experiences are maintained or enhanced. Our organization stands ready to support the expansion of the program and to play an active role in shaping the future of nursing education and practice.

In conclusion, we hereby express our endorsement of IVC's Nursing Program expansion efforts and pledge our continued support in preparing the next generation of nursing leaders. We are confident that together, we can make a meaningful difference in healthcare that is offered to our residents as well as the nursing profession.



Thank you for considering our support, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Probus, DHA, DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CEN
Chief Nursing Officer
El Centro Regional Medical Center

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PIONEERS

MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

May 17, 2024

Attn: Loretta Melby, Executive Officer

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