

March 15, 2011

Ms. Margret Hoglan, Chairperson  
D-Q University Board of Trustees  
33250 County Rd. 31  
Davis, CA 95617-0409

Re: Letter of Support for the proposed Indian Health Service (IHS) Youth Regional  
Treatment Center (YRTC) at D-Q University

Dear Chairperson Hoglan:

We are writing this letter to the D-Q University Board of Trustees to indicate our strong and unwavering support for the proposed purchase, construction, and operation of a YR TC at D-Q University. California's Tribal governments and IHS have been attempting to establish a YRTC in northern California for almost 20 years. Over the years, many of our youth have lost their lives because no appropriate residential chemical dependency treatment exists in California. A YRTC at D-Q University will finally help our children and their families overcome the suffering caused by chemical dependency.

We understand that the Board of Trustees may have some concerns regarding the process required to have 12 acres placed under IHS's control. As Tribal leaders, we empathize with this unfortunate predicament. However, we recognize that this is an opportunity for D-Q University to fully realize the positive impact that your institution will have on youth in Indian country.

The initial stated mission of D-Q University was to provide alternative ideas and methods to educate Native American people. Among its goals were to preserve and perpetuate traditional Native American values, religion, and beliefs. The proposed YRTC will advance these very same goals by offering culturally appropriate professional services to our dual-diagnosed children. Your leadership and that of the other Trustees in making this land transfer happen will clearly demonstrate your commitment to our Indian people. You could help our youth secure a path for improving their health, education, and spiritual well-being.

One of the indicators of the health and moral well-being of a society is how it treats children. Now is the time for Tribal Leaders in Indian country to collectively demonstrate our commitment that all of our Indian children in California will lead healthy lives. By approving the land transaction necessary to establish a YRTC at D-Q University, you will help make this dream a reality.

Sincerely,

Tribal Representative