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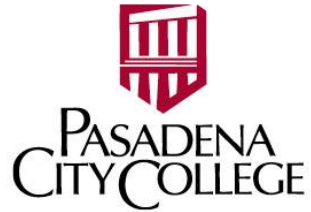
May 5, 2020

To: Governor Gavin Newsom, State of California  
Chancellor Eloy Oakley, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

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**Re: Support for Ongoing Funding for the Library Services Platform Project**

On behalf of the Academic Senate of Pasadena City College, I would like to express support for ongoing funding of the statewide Library Services Platform (LSP) project, a project that provides a unified library experience for our students across the CCC system. Community college librarians across the state have been working collaboratively on this project for the past three years enabled by the continuous support of state funding. This upcoming year would be the first full academic year that the libraries would be able to witness the fruits of their dedicated work. Their collaborative efforts surrounding the LSP have continued throughout the COVID-19 crisis, which has proven that the LSP is able to deliver library services and resources to our students in a seamless manner, demonstrating the strength, the utility, and the flexibility of this new system for our colleges.



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In addition to collaborating across campuses, the LSP has supported efforts between the CCC Technology Center, the Council of Chief Librarians, and faculty volunteers to create an infrastructure to support policy development and ongoing work on the LSP. This infrastructure allows each of the California Community College libraries to quickly and efficiently share and build upon processes and strategies. System-level librarians have worked steadfastly to build and maintain a robust, shared “network zone” of library data that ultimately leads to greater efficiencies in the maintenance and development of library collections. The state-of-the-art LSP helps create greater equity in providing a uniform and equivalent level of resources and library services to all students, no matter which college campus they are attending in the state. Furthermore, the LSP is paving a way forward to further collaborative efforts with the CSUs and the UCs. Without ongoing funding and the leverage of statewide purchasing power, the infrastructure to support continued building of this system will disappear.

We urge you to do everything in your power to secure ongoing funding for the Library Services Platform project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Henes".

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