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November 16, 2021

Dolores Trujillo  
President, California Board of Registered Nurses  
1747 North Market Street, Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Ms. Trujillo,

I write today as Mayor of the City of Ontario, to express the City's support for opening an Ontario campus of the Arizona College of Nursing.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Ontario suffered greatly, with too many of our residents suffering illness and death. But one saving grace was our health care workers, who have fought so valiantly to save lives and return residents of the Inland Empire back to health and back to their families. But, as we have seen in recent news reports, an existing nursing shortage has been exacerbated by the pandemic, with many nurses contemplating retirement, feeling burned out or leaving the healthcare profession to COVID-19 vaccine requirements.

Throughout the pandemic, we have also seen health inequities laid bare, with Black and Latino populations suffering worse outcomes. As a multicultural community, ours has been hit harder than some. Given the diversity of Ontario and the Inland Empire, Arizona College of Nursing is expected to draw students from all backgrounds, which will improve equity and access for our diverse region and state.

By 2023, the Ontario campus of the Arizona College of Nursing expects to have 116 students studying for their BSN. The next generation of nurses is ready to start training for jobs in Ontario and beyond, and we support them. What's more, within two to three years, the campus will employ about 65 people in Ontario.

I urge the Board of Registered Nursing to approve the Arizona College of Nursing's Ontario campus.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Leon  
Mayor

October 29, 2021



**Dolores Trujillo**

President, California Board of Registered Nurses  
1747 North Market St., Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Ms. Trujillo:

As the San Bernardino County Supervisor of the Fourth District, which encompasses the City of Ontario, I am writing today to support the Arizona College's application for the approval of a Nursing School in our community.

As a former member of the legislature, I am aware that our state has been suffering from a shortage of registered nurses for a number of years. In fact, the Inland Empire is a region that has historically been underserved when it comes to healthcare. This crisis has been exacerbated by the Covid epidemic.

By offering a Bachelor of Science (BSN) in Nursing, this new educational opportunity will provide not only a larger pool of qualified nurses for our community, but will also provide additional educational opportunities for students who are currently wait listed in other nursing programs.

Arizona College has already arranged clinical rotations in hospitals and school districts in my Supervisorial District. These institutions understand the need for additional qualified nurses. I hope you agree and approve that application at the earliest possible time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
San Bernardino County

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November 12, 2021

Dolores Trujillo  
President  
California Board of Registered Nursing  
1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95834

**RE: Request for Support of Arizona College of Nursing Campus in Ontario**

Dear Ms. Trujillo:

As the State Senator representing the 20<sup>th</sup> State Senate District, I offer this letter in support of the Arizona College of Nursing's efforts to build a campus in Ontario.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, heroic nurses have cared for their patients on the front lines in communities across the state, but we also know that some nurses are experiencing the significant and ongoing strain of this traumatic event. Some nurses are retiring early due to burnout, while others are leaving the profession for other reasons, consequently worsening California's existing nursing shortage.

California's institutes of higher education are doing a remarkable job in preparing nurses for our future workforce needs, but there is a role for private institutions to play, as well. Within three years, the Arizona College of Nursing expects to have 116 students enrolled in coursework on their path to earning a coveted BSN.

These students will become nurses who may probably make high five-figures as starting salaries and who are likely to become active members of a nursing union, which will ensure that they can have solid benefits and safe working conditions. All of these expectations are foundational to further strengthening California's middle class.

California needs these future nurses—in Ontario, as well as across the Inland Empire and our state. Thank you in advance for your positive consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie M. Leyva".

CONNIE M. LEYVA  
State Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> District



November 9, 2021

F. Patrick Robinson, PhD, RN, ACRN, CNE, FAAN  
Provost and Sr. Vice President of Academic Affairs  
2510 W. Dunlap Avenue Suite 290  
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Dear Dr. Robinson-

On behalf of The Gardens of Riverside, I am pleased to offer support to Arizona College of Nursing (AZCN) in its application to the CA Board of Nursing to begin a pre-licensure BSN program (the Program) in the Inland Empire area. The Gardens of Riverside continues to recognize the need for qualified nurses and believe the proposed Program offered by AZCN will help fulfill the workforce shortage. An additional campus would mean more students can enroll in a BSN pre-licensure program, which would help to address the nursing shortage, as well as the future healthcare needs of the community in the Inland Empire area. We also recognize the need to cultivate the next generation of Nurses through actively engaging with them while they are still progressing through a Nursing program.

If there is any further insight or clarification I may be able to provide, please do not hesitate to contact me at [soden@northstarsl.com](mailto:soden@northstarsl.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Oden". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephanie Oden, Executive Director  
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