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Ms. Michelle King Superintendent Los Angeles Unified School District 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 24th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Congratulations on your Appointment as LAUSD Superintendent

Dear Superintendent King,

On behalf of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa, we would like to express our heartfelt congratulations for your recent appointment as Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. It is a well-deserved and hard earned honor cultivated over the thirty years of experience you have had with LAUSD.

We are extremely pleased that we have an established and ongoing partnership with you, reflected for example in your participation as a key panelist in our *Westside Public Education Community Meeting featuring Elected Officials and School Representatives* on October 26, 2015. You were so kind to follow-up the meeting with written responses to questions raised by the Westside community. You convey a sincere interest in improving the schools in Westchester/Playa. It is to your credit that – despite being the second largest school district in the United States – you have demonstrated a strong commitment to strengthening the LAUSD community relations and instructional pathways for Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista students.

Please let us know how we may assist you in this challenging yet exciting time in the tremendous growth of our Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista families. Our neighborhoods are undergoing a Renaissance of sorts, with a tremendous influx of families with school-aged children. We want to assist the District in enrolling and retaining Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista resident families in our publicly funded schools from TK through high school graduation.

Please let us know how we may support you as our Superintendent and work to achieve the highly successful Westside publicly funded schools and parent communities. Given the recent activities, we believe we are on our way.

Most sincerely,

Cyndi Hench President