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Re: *Regents of the University of California and Student Researchers United, UAW*
Case No. SF-RR-1022-H

Dear Ms. McDonough:

On May 24, 2021, the Student Researchers United, UAW (Petitioner) filed a Request for Recognition Petition (Request) with the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB or Board) under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) and pursuant to PERB Regulation 51030(a).¹ The Request seeks to represent a proposed systemwide unit of approximately 17,000 Graduate Students Researchers, Trainees, and Fellows at the Regents of the University of California (Respondent).

On August 4, 2021, PERB administratively determined that proof of support was sufficient to meet PERB Regulation 51030(b). On September 2, 2021, Respondent filed its employer response, which PERB treated as a denial of recognition pursuant to PERB Regulation 51080(d). On September 8, 2021, Petitioner filed a Petition for Board Investigation pursuant to PERB Regulation 51090 and HEERA section 3575.

On September 17, 2021, PERB issued to Petitioner an Investigative Information Request pursuant to PERB Regulation 51140(a), requesting that Petitioner provide information relevant to PERB's investigation. On September 30, 2021, Petitioner filed its response to the Investigative Information Request.

By no later than **October 21, 2021**, Respondent is requested to file with this office a response to Petitioner's September 30, 2021 submission. All factual assertions must be supported with a sworn declaration under penalty of perjury by witnesses with

¹ HEERA is codified at Government Code section 3560 et seq. PERB regulations are codified at California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 31001 et seq. The text of HEERA and PERB's regulations may be found at www.perb.ca.gov

sufficient personal knowledge and should indicate that the witness, if called, could competently testify about the facts asserted therein. Further, if the response contains facts that are reliant on a writing, the writing must be attached to the declaration and authenticated therein. Service and proof of service pursuant to PERB Regulation 32140 are required.

In PERB's September 17, 2021 letter, Respondent was put on notice that it was highly likely that Respondent would be required to submit a verified response to Petitioner's submission, and extensions of time will only be granted for good cause.

The informal settlement conference scheduled for October 22, 2021, remains on calendar and will not be continued, absent mutual agreement of the parties.

The parties are encouraged to collaborate on a stipulated factual record. PERB may contact the parties to obtain additional information and to advise the parties of the case-processing steps.

Please contact the undersigned Board agent if you have any questions concerning PERB's investigation of this matter; all settlement-related inquiries should be directed to Supervising Regional Attorney Mary Weiss.

Sincerely,



Ronald Pearson
Supervising Regional Attorney

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cc: Margo A. Feinberg, Attorney
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Michael Miller, International Representative
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I declare that I am a resident of or employed in the County of Los Angeles, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within entitled cause. The name and address of my residence or business is Public Employment Relations Board, Los Angeles Regional Office, 425 W. Broadway, Suite 400, Glendale, CA, 91204-1269.

On October 11, 2021, I served the Letter regarding Case No. SF-RR-1022-H on the parties listed below by

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 11, 2021, at Glendale, California.

Michael Friedlander

(Type or print name)



(Signature)