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Dear,

I am soliciting nominations for appointment to the California Breast Cancer Research Council, the advisory body to the California Breast Cancer Research Program, which the University of California administers on behalf of the state of California.

Current council members are listed on the program's Web site at <http://www.cabreastcancer.org/about/council/>. Council members have provided invaluable advice, commitment, and oversight to the program. Members serve staggered, overlapping, three-year terms. We are seeking nominations for four openings for terms to begin September 1, 2009. In keeping with the state statutes (California Health & Safety Code, Section 104145), each of the new members must represent a particular breast cancer constituency. This year, the University will appoint:

- **Two representatives from breast cancer advocacy organizations** who have an understanding of the scientific research funding process;
- **One scientist or clinician** who is active in basic science, clinical, public health, or health policy research in breast cancer or other related fields; and
- **One representative from a non-profit health organization** active in breast cancer related issues.

For all council openings, we are seeking candidates who have demonstrated knowledge about and commitment to breast cancer issues and who appreciate the urgency of the program's mission and the need to challenge the status quo in scientific inquiry. We prefer candidates who have experience with rigorous, confidential, peer review of research proposals. Although we will provide new members with a thorough orientation to the CBCRP's grant-making policies and procedures, prior familiarity with the peer review process will enhance the member's ability to provide informed guidance on program policies and priorities.

In addition to maintaining the balance between scientists and non-scientists specified in the statutes, we try to create a reasonable balance in relation to expertise on issues facing underserved populations (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, rural populations, sexual minority women) and institutional affiliation. However, commitment to the program's mission is the core criterion. **This year, we are seeking candidates with administrative experience (e.g. Deans, Executive Directors). We are also especially interested in candidates who have experience with community-based participatory research and/or who represent underserved communities. In addition, we are seeking candidates from outside the San Francisco Bay Area.**

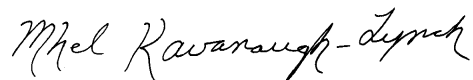
In suggesting nominees, please keep in mind the following considerations. The council currently meets four times per year, usually for a day and a half. Members serve without compensation, but receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties. Also, council members must pledge to abide by the CBCRP's conflict of interest and confidentiality policies. ***By statute, a council member is not eligible to seek or be awarded CBCRP grants as a principal investigator, serve in a substantial scientific role on a CBCRP-funded project, or benefit financially from CBCRP grants awarded during tenure on the council or for any grant cycle which the member helps plan.*** This policy is responsive to the need to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

Should you wish to nominate individuals for consideration, please use the enclosed form (or complete the form on-line at <http://www.cabreastcancer.org/about/positions.php>) and submit their names and résumés no later than May 15th, 2008. Please also include acknowledgment that they are interested in serving, should they be selected. Previous council members may be nominated to serve another term.

Though past experience suggests there will be more qualified candidates nominated than vacancies at this time, please be assured that their nominations will be kept on file as potential future council appointees.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 987-9878 or [marion.kavanaugh-lynch@ucop.edu](mailto:marion.kavanaugh-lynch@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure