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**JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
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Re: ACA-5 and Proposition 209

Dear Janet,

The Academic Council voices its unanimous support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 ([ACA-5 Government preferences](#)), which would allow California voters the opportunity to repeal Proposition 209, and its ban on the use of race and other categories in UC admissions and hiring decisions.

Proposition 209 has had a devastating effect on the University of California's ability to live up to our mandate to serve and embody California's diverse population. Repealing Proposition 209 would allow the University to make extensive and rapid progress in reaching our shared goals around diversity.

The Academic Council supports ACA-5, and with it, the option to put this choice before the voters of California. We recognize your deep commitment to diversity and equity for the University of California, and greatly hope that you, the Office of the President, the Chancellors, and the Regents will join us in formally endorsing ACA-5 to voice our shared commitment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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