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Mr. Mark Lewis  
Academic Senate President  
Los Medanos College

Dear Mr. Lewis and Academic Senate:

I am excited to apply to represent Los Medanos College on the Sabbatical Leave Committee. In my 10-years teaching at Los Medanos, I've served the college in a variety of positions that prepare me to join such a vital committee honoring the professional improvement of faculty across the District. My experience leading efforts to improve student success through forward-thinking strategies and targeted professional development make me a great fit for the role.

Serving as Acceleration Coordinator for the English department, I developed and implemented an innovative redesign of the English pathway. Drawing on the successful pilots of other colleges, I designed a corequisite course based on a transformative pedagogy of just-in-time remediation. Under my direction, Los Medanos College was the first community college in Northern California to adopt a pathway that centered the corequisite model of instructional support. My commitment to creative approaches that foster student success prepares me to recognize those efforts in others.

In my role, I researched community colleges' corequisite courses across the state, assessing the various courses to determine which would best serve our local population. This work prepares me to evaluate sabbatical applications for projects that will best serve our District goals.

Moreover, I've designed and led a variety of professional development trainings to prepare faculty to implement a groundbreaking pedagogical approach. In doing so, I understand effective ways to share new materials, information, and strategies with colleagues. I'm equipped to evaluate projects that will benefit the District community.

My commitment to student success, innovation, and professional development make me a strong fit for the Sabbatical Leave Committee.

Sincerely,

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