Dear Cindy McGrath and James Noel,

I am writing to express my interest in the General Education Committee Chair / Program Assessment Coordinator position at Los Medanos College. From my very first meeting with the General Education Committee, I felt like I had found a place where I belonged.

I have continuously attended different committee meetings and spoke with colleagues about their roles to better understand how our college functions at various levels. I spoke in depth with Cindy about the General Education Committee and the work they do. I quickly decided that I wanted to be a committee member, and I have been considering the Committee Chair position since I heard that the position would be available. I am excited about the opportunities to work with my colleagues and the other members of the three-person leadership team, the TLC Chair and the CSLO-PSLO Coordinator.

My professional strengths include the ability to succinctly express myself. I am a fast learner, and with training guidance from our current General Education Committee Chair, I could easily learn the responsibilities required of me. I am also well versed in eLumen, and I am a part of the ISLO Core Group. I can collaborate with my colleagues and am a strong teacher. I would be able to help train faculty on the changes to the GE model and work with those who want to update their COR to be compliant.

I am deeply invested in equity. I am a non-voting member of our IDEA committee, and I am a member of the Racial Justice Coalition group. I attend as many flex workshops as possible and intra-district trainings on equity and Ethnic Studies. Most recently, I attended the Ethnic Studies Pedagogy Conference hosted at Contra Costa College. I am also participating in the The Post-Racist Planet & Me and White Supremacy Equity Study Group at Los Medanos College.

I have leadership training that will aid me in my work as GE Chair. I work extensively with the California Community College Ethnic Studies Council and the ASCCC council. We are actively designing the CID and TMC for an ADT in Ethnic Studies to the CSU campuses. Being in communication with these groups will aid me in transitioning and preparing Los Medanos College when additional GE requirements are passed. I am currently the Social Science representative at the Academic Senate. I was also awarded a scholarship to attend the ASCCC Spring 2021 Plenary. The theme of the plenary, Working Collectively: Transforming and Decolonizing Institutions, is so important and has been a call to action for many Ethnic Studies Departments across the country. I am so excited to see the institutions embrace notions of decolonial transformations and committing to the pledges that we sign our names to.

I thank you both for considering me for this position. Please let me know if there is additional information that you need.

Sincerely,

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