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Dear Members of the Antioch University Santa Barbara Board of Trustees,

As you know, Antioch University is facing significant challenges that require exquisite focus and swift action. Your board chair has been briefed on the immediate next steps and will be sharing with you the actions being taken.

We appreciate your service to the University as well as the Santa Barbara campus. When the Boards of Trustees were formed in 2009 the intent was that they would provide additional oversight and a variety of supports to each campus. One result of that new governance structure was that each of the Board of Trustees raised Antioch's profile in their community.

The Board of Governors are volunteers also. We know well the labor of heart and mind required to be a trustee. During these tumultuous times in higher education, trusteeship is not a job for the faint of heart! Given the complexity of our governance structure, you have been in a role that was frustrating at times. Yet, you persevered. You engaged with your campus leaders, local constituents, and brought onto your boards individuals who are talented, experienced and committed to our University's mission and history.

We especially appreciate the fundraising efforts for scholarships and special projects. You supported the development of new programs, such as the Masters in Fine Arts. Over the past six years you have worked diligently to raise the campus profile in the community and build support and have brought in well-known individuals on multiple occasions for interesting and productive events.

The Board of Governors took several actions at its recent meeting to address the current budget issues, including significant changes in the university budget process and its business model, as well as an administrative reorganization. We also recognized the pressing need to simplify and reshape a complex governance structure and to allow the Chancellor and his administration to focus on programs and enrollment.

Therefore, as a result, the current Boards of Trustees structure will end as of today. Antioch University will now have only a single, fiduciary Board as it did prior to 2009. The Board acknowledges the tremendous commitment and talent of the individuals serving on the BoT.

Therefore, we have made two ancillary decisions.

- a) Knowing that the BOTs have enlisted many talented individuals and alumni who bring expertise, perspective and experiences valuable to Antioch, we anticipate several BoT members will be asked to join the Board of Governors. Potential members will be subject to the normal vetting procedures.

- b) We foresee a future group of people from each community, such as a development council, who will promote and support the University and help the campus to expand its presence in the community. We anticipate and look forward to future conversations about how best to support each campus in their location and region.

Whether you have served on your board from the very beginning or have just joined, you have lived the Antioch mission and values in your service. Please continue to be the great ambassadors and supporters for the University and your campus.

It is with deep gratitude and respect that we thank you all for your time, energy and generosity.

Sincerely,

Charlotte M. Roberts, Ph.D., Chair and

Howard Coleman, Vice Chair

On behalf of the Antioch University Board of Governors