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The Development Offices and Alumni Associations at each campus seek to provide students and their families with information about the University and to solicit their involvement and support. These efforts serve important University purposes and are in the educational interest of students, alumni and other members of the campus community. I fully support these efforts and I look forward to the continuing contributions that these organizations make to the campuses.

Student records confidentiality is governed by the University of California Policies Applying to the Disclosure of Information from Student Records, 130.290 and 130.720, which assign to the chancellors the responsibility for determining what type of information may be shared with campus officials. The Office of the General Counsel has confirmed that, under existing law and consistent with existing University policy, it is permissible to release personally identifiable information about students, including the address of a student or student's parents, to campus and University officials who have been recognized to have a "legitimate educational interest" in that information. In my view, a legitimate educational interest exists for this information to be released to the Development Offices and Alumni Associations.

There are many clear benefits to students as well as to the University from making this information available. Students may be informed of services such as scholarship opportunities or career counseling and enhancement. In addition, a long-term connection is established between the University and its students and their families that increases the potential for soliciting the support that is vital to the continued quality of education on the campuses.

To further encourage the activities of the Development Offices and Alumni Associations, I ask that you ensure that the appropriate University offices provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of students and parents of current students to these organizations for the above-stated purposes when they request this information.

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