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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Academies for Social Entrepreneurship (ASE) at UCLA. Our organization had the privilege of participating in the program during the Spring 2024 semester, where we were matched with a dedicated team of five UCLA students who developed a social enterprise proposal for CASA. The collaboration was both meaningful and impactful, providing us with fresh, innovative ideas while also serving as an opportunity to engage our board members and key supporters in a new and creative way. The students' hard work and dedication, combined with the mentorship and structure provided by ASE, made this a truly valuable experience for our organization.

Beyond the project itself, we greatly appreciated the opportunity to learn from the various expert speakers featured in the bi-weekly Zoom sessions. The insights and knowledge shared were instrumental in broadening our perspective on social enterprise and its potential applications within CASA. The program fostered an environment of learning, collaboration, and innovation, and we are grateful to have been a part of it. We highly recommend ASE to other nonprofit organizations looking to explore social enterprise as a means of furthering their mission, and we look forward to the possibility of continued collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

**Matthew Wadlinger**

Chief Brand Officer

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