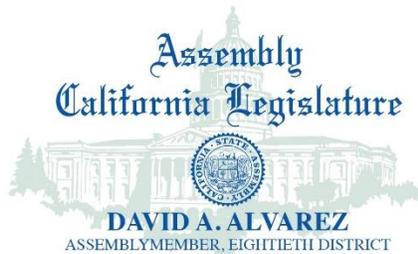


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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Melby,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for San Diego State University's proposal to establish an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program in Chula Vista, with a planned launch in Fall 2026.

As the Assemblymember representing the South Bay region, I have consistently prioritized efforts that expand access to healthcare, strengthen the healthcare workforce, and invest in educational programs and facilities that serve our communities. The proposed ASBSN program directly advances these goals by addressing the persistent shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses in South San Diego County.

SDSU's program will provide an intensive 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum for individuals who already hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree, enrolling 50 additional students annually. By creating a new pathway for career-changing professionals, this program will help meet regional workforce demands while ensuring high standards of academic and clinical excellence.

I am proud to have secured state funding to support the establishment and implementation of this program. This investment reflects the State of California's commitment to strengthening the nursing workforce pipeline and ensuring that high-quality nursing education is accessible to the communities that need it most, particularly in the South Bay region.

I am pleased by SDSU's commitment to maintaining the rigor and quality of its established BSN program, as well as its collaborative approach with regional nursing programs and clinical partners. This thoughtful design ensures the program will complement—not compete with—existing educational pathways and will further strengthen the healthcare ecosystem across the South Bay.

Establishing this program in Chula Vista represents a meaningful investment in our community's health, economic vitality, and future workforce. I fully support San Diego State University's proposal and commend the university for its leadership in responding to regional healthcare needs.

Sincerely,

David Alvarez
Assemblymember, 80th District

December 16, 2025

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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's (SDSU) Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Melby,

On behalf of the University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing, I am writing to acknowledge San Diego State University's (SDSU) proposal to establish an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) program in Chula Vista, California.

We recognize the ongoing demand for baccalaureate-prepared nurses to serve the diverse populations of South San Diego County. SDSU's intent to provide a local pathway for career-changing professionals aligns with the general workforce development goals of our region.

As the Board evaluates this proposal, we emphasize the importance of maintaining the stability of the current clinical education environment. The University of San Diego supports this initiative with the understanding that the implementation of this new program will not negatively impact the clinical placement capacity or site availability currently utilized by long-standing nursing programs in the area. It is essential that the expansion of nursing seats in the region is managed sustainably so as not to displace existing students or overextend the resources of our healthcare partners.

We trust the Board will ensure that this new program complements the existing educational landscape without creating undue competition for limited clinical faculty and site placements.

Sincerely,



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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Loretta Melby,

On behalf of MiraCosta College, I am pleased to offer my support for San Diego State University's (SDSU) proposal to launch an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program (50 slots) in Chula Vista, California, with a planned start in Fall 2026.

The South Bay region of San Diego County continues to experience a well-documented shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses. Expanding access to a local BSN pathway through SDSU will play a vital role in strengthening our regional nursing workforce and addressing the healthcare needs of our diverse and rapidly growing community.

We are particularly encouraged that SDSU's proposed ASBSN program will mirror the academic rigor and quality standards of the existing, highly regarded SDSU BSN program. The focus on an 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum designed for individuals who already hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree will attract a new population of motivated, career-changing professionals eager to serve in healthcare.

We also commend SDSU's commitment to collaborative clinical partnerships and their assurance that this program will complement rather than compete with existing nursing education offerings across the region. This thoughtful approach will help ensure a coordinated expansion of educational opportunities without disrupting current student placements.

MiraCosta College recognizes the importance of this initiative and fully supports SDSU's efforts to establish this program in Chula Vista. We look forward to continued collaboration to help ensure its success and to advance the shared goal of improving access to high-quality nursing education and healthcare in South San Diego County.

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MAYOR JOHN McCANN

January 15, 2026

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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Melby:

I am pleased to express the City of Chula Vista's strong support for San Diego State University's (SDSU) proposal to establish an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program in Chula Vista, with an anticipated start date of Fall 2026.

As Mayor of Chula Vista, I know well that South Bay continues to face a critical shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses, placing increasing strain on local healthcare providers and limiting access to care for our growing and diverse communities. Expanding access to a locally based BSN pathway through SDSU represents a meaningful and strategic response to this workforce challenge.

SDSU's proposed ASBSN program will provide an intensive 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum for individuals who already hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree. By enrolling 50 additional students annually, the program will attract motivated, career-changing professionals and significantly strengthen the regional nursing workforce.

I am particularly encouraged by SDSU's commitment to maintaining the same academic rigor and clinical excellence that characterize its well-established BSN program. Equally important is SDSU's collaborative approach—working in partnership with existing nursing programs and clinical sites to ensure this program complements, rather than competes, with current educational pathways.

The establishment of this program in Chula Vista aligns with broader regional goals to expand educational opportunities in South Bay and improve healthcare access, workforce development, and community well-being. The City of Chula Vista fully supports SDSU's efforts and believe this program will have a lasting positive impact on South Bay residents and healthcare systems.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours in Service,

John McCann
Mayor



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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Loretta Melby,

On behalf of Grossmont College, I am pleased to offer my strong support for San Diego State University's (SDSU) proposal to launch an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program (50 slots) in Chula Vista, California, with a planned start in Fall 2026.

The South Bay region of San Diego County continues to experience a well-documented shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses. Expanding access to a local BSN pathway through SDSU will play a vital role in strengthening our regional nursing workforce and addressing the healthcare needs of our diverse and rapidly growing community.

We are particularly encouraged that SDSU's proposed ASBSN program will mirror the academic rigor and quality standards of the existing, highly regarded SDSU BSN program. The focus on an 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum designed for individuals who already hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree will attract a new population of motivated, career-changing professionals eager to serve in healthcare.

We also commend SDSU's commitment to collaborative clinical partnerships and their assurance that this program will complement rather than compete with existing nursing education offerings across the region. This thoughtful approach will help ensure a coordinated expansion of educational opportunities without disrupting current student placements.

Grossmont College recognizes the importance of this initiative and fully supports SDSU's efforts to establish this program in Chula Vista. We look forward to continued collaboration to help ensure its success and to advance the shared goal of improving access to high-quality nursing education and healthcare in South San Diego County.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Loretta Melby,

I am writing on behalf of the San Diego City College Nursing Education Program (SDCC NEP) to express our unequivocal support for San Diego State University's (SDSU) proposal to initiate an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program, which will offer 50 slots in Chula Vista, California, with a projected start date in Fall 2026. The South Bay region of San Diego County is currently facing a well-documented shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses.

By expanding access to a local BSN pathway through SDSU, the proposed program will play a crucial role in strengthening the regional nursing workforce and addressing the healthcare needs of our diverse and rapidly expanding community. We are particularly encouraged that the ASBSN program will uphold the academic rigor and quality standards associated with the existing, esteemed SDSU BSN program. The 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum is designed for individuals who hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree, thereby attracting a new cohort of motivated professionals seeking to transition into the healthcare field.

Furthermore, we commend SDSU's dedication to fostering collaborative clinical partnerships and appreciate their commitment to ensuring that this program will complement, rather than compete with, the existing nursing education offerings in the region. This strategic approach will facilitate a coordinated expansion of educational opportunities without disrupting current student placements.

SDCC NEP recognizes the significance of this initiative and fully endorses SDSU's efforts to establish this program in Chula Vista. We anticipate continued collaboration to ensure its success and to advance our mutual objective of enhancing access to high-quality nursing education and healthcare services in South San Diego County.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Loretta Melby,

On behalf of Palomar College, I am pleased to offer my support for San Diego State University's (SDSU) proposal to launch an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program (50 slots) in Chula Vista, California, with a planned start in Fall 2026. Dr Karen Macauley has assured me that the clinical sites used for this expansion will not interfere with our clinical sites used by Palomar College Nursing Program.

We also commend SDSU's commitment to collaborative clinical partnerships and their assurance that this program will complement rather than compete with existing nursing education offerings across the region. This thoughtful approach will help ensure a coordinated expansion of educational opportunities without disrupting current student placements.

The South Bay region of San Diego County continues to experience a well-documented shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses. Expanding access to a local BSN pathway through SDSU will play a vital role in strengthening our regional nursing workforce and addressing the healthcare needs of our diverse and rapidly growing community.

The focus on an 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum designed for individuals who already hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree will attract a new population of motivated, career-changing professionals eager to serve in healthcare.

Palomar College Nursing Program recognizes the importance of this initiative and fully supports SDSU's efforts to establish this program in Chula Vista. We look forward to continued collaboration to help ensure its success and to advance the shared goal of improving access to high-quality nursing education and healthcare in South San Diego County.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Melby:

As the California State Senator representing the City of Chula Vista, I am writing to express my strong support for San Diego State University's proposal to establish an Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) pre-licensure program in Chula Vista, with an anticipated start in Fall 2026.

Working in the State Legislature to prioritize workforce development and align educational attainments with employment pathways, I recognize the vital role SDSU plays in educating our workforce and advancing the health and well-being of communities throughout South San Diego County. The proposed ASBSN program represents a strategic and timely response to the growing shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses in our region. This program will offer an 18-month, full-time hybrid curriculum for individuals who already hold a non-nursing bachelor's degree and will enroll 50 additional students annually. By expanding access to high-quality BSN education locally, SDSU will help ensure a steady pipeline of well-prepared nurses ready to serve our diverse and growing population.

I am encouraged by SDSU's commitment to maintaining the academic rigor and clinical excellence of its established BSN program, as well as its collaborative engagement with regional clinical partners and nursing programs. This approach ensures the ASBSN program will strengthen, rather than disrupt, existing educational and healthcare partnerships. Having served on the city council and as Mayor of Chula Vista prior to serving as State Senator, I recognize the vital partnerships needed to ensure South County residents are offered educational and workforce opportunities at a crucial time for the region's growing economy. The ASBSN Program is one step forward in supporting South San Diego County's workforce needs that will trickle and impact the state's pipeline of talented healthcare professionals who will be working to provide high-quality care for their fellow Californians in clinics and hospitals. It is my commitment to making my district an affordable and comfortable place to live, work, and study for many years to come.

The establishment of this program in Chula Vista aligns closely with regional priorities around workforce development, healthcare access, and educational opportunity. I fully support SDSU's efforts and believe this program will have a lasting positive impact on South Bay communities. If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my Chula Vista District Office at (619) 409-7690. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Senator Stephen C. Padilla
18th Senate District



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RE: Letter of Support for San Diego State University's Proposed Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) Program – Chula Vista, California

Dear Executive Director Loretta Melby,

Southwestern College strongly supports San Diego State University's proposal to increase enrollment in the Accelerated BSN program serving the South Bay. Our region faces a persistent RN shortage driven by population growth, chronic disease burden, and socioeconomic barriers—particularly in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas. Expanding local ABSN seats will speed time-to-license, strengthen the public BSN pathway, and improve access for diverse learners.

Over the past three years, the San Diego & Imperial County Regional Nursing Consortium has collaborated with healthcare partners to stabilize clinical placements by consistently honoring established placement requests. With continued commitment from both our clinical partners and SDSU, I am confident that the implementation of the SDSU accelerated program will not impact the placement of current nursing programs within the region.

SWC's collaboration with SDSU already demonstrates demand and feasibility. Recent co-enrollment efforts enabled VN and ADN graduates to complete the BSN efficiently, reducing financial and geographic barriers. We stand ready to coordinate clinical placements, align simulation and skills training, and share outcomes data to support SDSU's scale-up.

Thank you for considering our endorsement. Please contact me for any additional documentation.

Sincerely,

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