



BETTY T. YEE
California State Controller

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Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
ATTN: Maria Bonneville, Executive Director
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 1650
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear ICOC Members:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Jonathan Thomas to serve another term as chair of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, the governing body of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM).

As chair of the Citizens' Financial Oversight Accountability Committee, created by Proposition 71 to examine CIRM, I have been impressed by Dr. Thomas's leadership of ICOC. His diverse experience in bond finance, stem cell innovation, academia, and public service has been demonstrated through many of the strategic advancements at CIRM, including those embodied in the CIRM 2.0 initiatives. I am also impressed by Dr. Thomas's commitment to strengthening the role of patient advocates at CIRM and his personal involvement with patient advocacy.

Dr. Thomas's numerous accomplishments during his first term as ICOC chair show CIRM will continue to benefit from his renewed service. These endeavors arose from his responsiveness to CIRM's diverse stakeholders, strong outreach on CIRM's behalf, and a clear focus on beneficial structural changes at CIRM. His work has contributed to CIRM's accelerated pace of stem cell innovations moving toward clinical trials and marketable therapies.

I cannot think of a person better suited for this position. Dr. Thomas deserves to be elected to another term as ICOC chair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty T. Yee".

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