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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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California Institute of Regenerative Medicine
Governing Board, Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 1650
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members,

Under the provisions of Proposition 71 (2004), I respectfully recommend the nomination for the re-election of Dr. Jonathan Thomas for Chair of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) and Senator Art Torres, Vice Chair of the ICOC, both of whom will be serving their last terms on this board.

Dr. Thomas has provided extraordinary leadership in helping to bring stem cell treatments to patients and merits your support. He has maintained valuable relationships with constitutional officers, fellow board members and the general public. As a trusted ambassador to the board, Dr. Thomas effectively represents CIRM at conferences, speeches, and town halls, while simultaneously forging strategic connections with high profile stakeholders in biotech, philanthropy and pharmacy.

Senator Torres has been a tireless, vocal supporter of CIRM's mission to find successful and innovative stem cell treatment processes. He has been a ready and reliable partner with patients, doctors, and leaders in both the California State Legislature and Congress to successfully deliver pertinent data. As a longtime public servant, his dedication and commitment to the well-being of the citizens of our state is unmatched.

Again, I ask for your favorable consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding Dr. Thomas and Senator Torres' qualifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

GAVIN NEWSOM
Lieutenant Governor
State of California

