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Dear Members:

I am humbled by the opportunity to run for the position of President-Elect of the OCPS. I have several aspirations for our organization. I want members of OCPS to feel that their membership is meaningful and their membership dues are going towards worthy causes. I want to create more opportunities for members to network with one another and bring the membership even more educational events. I hope to increase the number of committees with specific interests to incorporate the diverse nature of our membership. I would like to see us even more engaged with the Orange County Board of Supervisors and advocating for our patients and our profession. I want to engage medical students, resident fellow members and early career psychiatrists early to ensure our organization stays strong for years to come.



I also know that what is important to members may change over time. I see my role as President to frequently query individual members to gain a good sense of what our members want and adjust our mission to target those desires. To do so, I will improve on our communication with our membership. I will continue enhancing our technology to make it easy for members to opt in and opt out of the information they would like and contact their elected representatives. Members need to have knowledge of and easy access to the great resources our organization has and will continue to provide for them.

While these goals appear ambitious, I have the experience to demonstrate that I can achieve them. I have lived in Orange County for the last twelve years and have been active in OCPS since my internship at UC Irvine. I completed medical school, business school, residency and child and adolescent fellowship at UC Irvine. Currently, I am an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at UC Irvine, serving as Associate Program Director as well as EPIC Physician Champion on top of clinical duties as an inpatient and outpatient attending physician.

I served as Treasurer for OCPS for the last three years, preparing our annual budget and promoting fiscal responsibility to help prevent any dues increases during my tenure. I have been active in several OCPS committees including the Membership and Governmental Affairs Committee. I helped bring about the new Sports Psychiatry Committee. I've thrown multiple networking events between psychologists and psychiatrists. I've met with members of the OC Board of Supervisors, advocating for Laura's Law.

Beyond my work with OCPS, I've also been active with the CPA and APA. I am one of eight voting members of the national APA Membership Committee where we score distinguished fellow candidates and innovative grants and led the efforts to develop new criteria for these awards. I've participated in CPA and APA advocacy days. I serve as an alternate for the CPA Nominating Committee. I was the resident-fellow member representative for Area VI, attending quarterly CPA meetings and semi-annual assembly meetings at the APA. I also served on the CPA Education Committee and helped plan the CPA annual meeting, spear-heading the RFM-ECP seminar.

Thank you for taking the time to read my candidate statement. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions at [davidsafanimd@gmail.com](mailto:davidsafanimd@gmail.com). I am very appreciative of your vote of support.

Thank you.

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