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Dear OCPS Colleagues,

It is my privilege to be a candidate for the OCPS president position.

For the last sixteen years, I practiced psychiatry in a wide variety of settings, spanning from academic psychiatry to state institutions and private practice. During this time I had the opportunity to be involved in different leadership positions, including serving as a nursing home director, medical director of the inpatient psychiatry services and the regional area research chair for Kaiser Permanente Riverside and Corona. Since 2014, I am the director of medical psychiatry unit at University of California, Irvine. My passion is to deliver high quality, cost effective psychiatric care, combining the latest medical treatments with innovative clinical trials.



As the President, I would like to further enhance the cohesiveness of OCPS through the development of novel opportunities to bring our members together. I will propose yearly awards to recognize the members that were involved with the OCPS thought the years (career awards) for our senior members as well as junior member awards for the new members that are distinguishing themselves at the earlier stage in their career. These awards will be given at the Summer Social events, and will encourage retention of our senior members as well as will attract new membership.

Also, I am very passionate about teaching and mentoring medical students and residents. I would like to focus on expanding their roles within CPA and OCPS. Right now, medical students are not even members of OCPS even though they have a very strong psychiatry interest group which can be connected with OCPC. Even though the residents are already involved, there are many opportunities for more substantive projects, few with even heavier pragmatic implication such as direct mentoring in different committees and developing new committees of interest for them including financial planning and dealing with burnout.

I am very grateful for this opportunity,

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