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July 28, 2020

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to confirm the accuracy of information provided in the California State University, Fresno AASHE STAR submission. Our university is using STARS to guide and assess the ongoing advancement of sustainability within all operations of the university, with the utmost commitment towards continually innovating our academics, engagement, facilities, and administration. Combining STARS with our UN Global Compact commitments, and CSU-wide support from the Chancellor's Office, we have a comprehensive integrative framework to support and advance all aspects of sustainability, resiliency, and adaptability across all of our campus efforts. This reporting serves as an inaugural milestone in our advancement of sustainability as a top priority to our faculty, students, partners, alumni and the general public.

California State University, Fresno is a public university with about 25,000 students that serves the richly diverse region of Central California. The U.S. Department of Education designates our university as a Hispanic-Serving and an Asian American, and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution. Recently, our university received its sixth Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from "INSIGHT Into Diversity" magazine in recognition of our diversity and inclusion efforts. We are especially proud of the programs offered through the work done by the President's Commission on Human Relations and Equity. As one of the first universities to be awarded the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification in 2007 (and renewed in 2015), our University is committed to community service. The Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning reports our students typically engage in over 1 million hours of community service each year.

Moving forward from our inaugural accomplishment, Fresno State will continue efforts to better articulate and include sustainability within campus strategy, culture, day-to-day teaching, research, and service to our local and global community. Supported by CSU-wide sustainability efforts and our UN Global Compact commitment, we have a clear pathway from the provisional Bronze we

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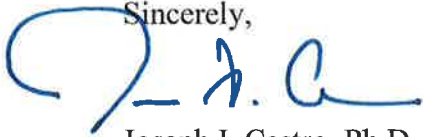
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achieve in this reporting, to Gold status by 2025. To do this, we will use our strategic plan renewal process this year to better articulate sustainability as a campus priority, with language that helps extend sustainability-leadership and coordination throughout all levels of the university.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in AASHE STARS is submitting rigorously assessed documentation through the reporting tool, accounting for our organization's efforts to support advancements in sustainable development. We support public accountability and transparency, and commit to report on our progress every two years, as we work our way towards the Gold AASHE standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. I. Castro', with a large, stylized initial 'J' on the left.

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President