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Re: Loyola Marymount University STARS Submission Process

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to submit Loyola Marymount University's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) institutional report. Our commitment to environmental stewardship and best practices continue to guide LMU's march towards carbon neutrality.

LMU has a long history of integrating sustainability into all aspects of campus operations as referenced by LMU's Climate Action Plan. In 2018, LMU became the first university in the world to sign on to Lonely Whale's *For A Strawless Ocean* campaign. During the 2018-2019 academic year, LMU began removing single-use plastic straws from all four main dining facilities. This initiative resulted in a reduction of straw usage by 39%. In 2019, LMU also captured the national title for the RecycleMania challenge. Over 300 universities competed in the challenge in which LMU became the first school to win two of Recyclemania's three main categories in the same year (Diversion and Per Capita). LMU's diversion percentage during the challenge (89%) further showed the university's progress towards waste reduction. Whether reducing single-use plastics or recycling, LMU's influence within campus operations continues to impact long term sustainable behavior on campus.

LMU continues to implement sustainable projects that set the foundation for building on innovation. Over the past two years, LMU's Center for Urban Resilience teamed up with Southern California Edison to erect a 60-foot Osprey pole. The constructed nesting structure on campus will stimulate the wildlife ecosystem around the University's campus. LMU is also opening two new residence halls on campus that have included energy-efficient features. We expect these features to qualify for LEED Silver certification.

It is with great pleasure that LMU submits our fourth official Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) evaluation to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). If you have questions, please contact Ian C. Mckeown Sustainability Manager at [Ian.Mckeown@lmu.edu](mailto:Ian.Mckeown@lmu.edu) or Jessica Hernandez, Sustainability Coordinator at [Jessica.Hernandez@lmu.edu](mailto:Jessica.Hernandez@lmu.edu).

Sincerely,

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