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Carol Pepper-Kittredge
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Dear Ms. Pepper-Kittredge:

As President & CEO of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of our entire organization, I would like to express our support and enthusiasm for Golden West College's grant application to create the GWC Innovation Center to engage students, faculty, and the community in ideation, design, Maker education, and entrepreneurship. The California Community College Maker Initiative, funded by the state's Community College Chancellor's Office, is an exciting and well-placed initiative to prepare students and our community for the creative and skills-based demands of the Huntington Beach and Orange County workplace.

At the Chamber of Commerce, we believe through the Applied Learning, Innovation, and Community Engagement Center, Golden West will become an even stronger partner with us and the Huntington Beach community. As a stakeholder in Orange County's education, workforce, and economic development, we see an increased need for innovative and entrepreneurial thinking ... and doing. We are thrilled that the Innovation Center is being designed to help provide theory, skills, and project-based hands-on practice!

As the principle business engagement and development organization in Huntington Beach, the Chamber is willing to commit our support to the Innovation Center project both in spirit and in resources. We are aware that the Center will require the services of industry experts, entrepreneurs, Maker technicians, project mentors, and leveraged connections and resources. Given the forecasted educational and economic impact of the Center on our community, we are looking forward to lending our name and our connections to develop, launch, and sustain the Center as it grows to become a gem in our community.

In summary, the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce is eager to engage with Golden West College and other members of our Orange County community in the creation of the GWC Applied Learning, Innovation, and Community Engagement Center. We recognize and believe ... innovation leads to a healthier economy and more vibrant community!

Sincerely,

James O'Callaghan
President/CEO
Huntington Beach chamber of Commerce