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Letter of Intent Application

2019- 2020 UCSF: UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative Student Engagement Representative  
Application

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To the Office of Sustainability,

My name is Angelina and I am writing to express my interest in serving as the UCSF's CNI student engagement representative for this upcoming school year. Through this role, I hope to advocate for the goal of carbon neutrality and sustainability by increasing awareness and education of our community at UCSF (students, staff, and faculty).

One of my goals would be to continue and build upon the initiatives that previous CNI ambassadors have started. Continuity and building momentum are important to push our campus culture towards sustainability, consciousness, and carbon neutrality. This past year, Claire and Jerry raised more awareness of sorting trash in preclinical simulation labs in the School of Dentistry. While not all 100% of my classmates are compliant - I've seen greater engagement and mindfulness within my class this year. Claire and Jerry's efforts have worked towards consciousness about our materials and deconstructing the notion that it's "safer" to dispose of all trash in the recycling bins. As part of the orientation committee this year for the incoming class of D1 students, I want to introduce trash and materials sorting as a part of the way simulation lab operates right at the beginning of student's introduction to UCSF through orientation. This will contribute to addressing the mindset that students have about waste and materials usage within dentistry immediately, and set the precedent for future incoming classes.

Another goal would be to put on a series of lunch and learn talks and panels to increase the interdisciplinary engagement and knowledge of issues surrounding global, environmental, and human health. There are many RSOs on campus of the various schools and a lack of intersection and collaboration. To help bridge that gap, I would hope to collaborate with these other organizations that are environmentally minded to organize these lunch and learn events to bring together individuals across UCSF who have the same goals for creating a more environmentally conscious community. There's power and influence in unity - we can create greater change and reach more people.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I would be honored to have the opportunity to partner and work with the Office of Sustainability to work towards the goal of a carbon neutral campus.

Sincerely,  
Angelina