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From: President Beck
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 2:13 PM
To: Campus Global Group
Subject: Message from President Beck

Dear Campus Community,

I write today in acknowledgement of the emotions that last night's election elicited from our nation. Elections are a fundamental component of our democracy, but they are not easy. They test us in our resolve, but also in our understanding and compassion. They are difficult and often painful, especially for those who hoped for a different outcome.

Today, I ask that we listen and support each other as the warm and caring CI community that we are. Please know that Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) is here to support faculty, staff and students. For more information visit <http://www.csuci.edu/caps/> or <http://www.csuci.edu/caps/info-and-resources.htm>

As we continue to understand what this latest election means for the future of our nation, I recall the words of Secretary Hillary Clinton in a message to her supporters: "We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought. But I still believe in America – and I always will. And if you do, too, then we must accept this result – and then look to the future."

And, last night, president-elect Donald Trump stated that he is "reaching out to you for your guidance and your help so that we can work together and unify our great country."

At CI, we embrace the fundamental values of equity and inclusion and commit to diversity as a source of renewal, vitality and strength. Our work is critical to the future of our country as we continue to serve a diverse, multicultural student body. I know that CI and, indeed, the entire California State University system, will continue our efforts in advocating for the interests of our students, faculty and staff. Please join me as we make clear the lasting American values embodied by our entire campus community.

Sincerely,

Erika D. Beck, Ph.D.
President