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Members of the Trojan Family

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

After nearly two decades of spectacular achievements as president of USC, Dr. Steven B. Sample has announced that he will retire on August 2, 2010. The university is fortunate to have benefited from the outstanding leadership of a man whom many observers believe is the best university president in the country.

Edward P. Roski Jr.

Chairman
USC Board of Trustees

Given Dr. Sample's extraordinary accomplishments, the Board of Trustees—whose responsibility is to appoint, support, and encourage the president—has before it the substantial task of naming his successor. This is a responsibility which belongs solely to the trustees and which cannot be delegated or divided. Nonetheless, the trustees are seeking the advice and counsel of the entire Trojan Family in conducting the search for a new president.

With the approval of the full board, I have appointed a Search Advisory Committee to assist the board in the search process. As chairman of the Board of Trustees, I plan to serve as chairman of this committee. I have enclosed a list of the members of the Search Advisory Committee. We have retained Mr. William Funk to serve as our search consultant. A brief job description for the USC presidency is enclosed. If you are aware of an individual anywhere in the world who you believe should be considered for the presidency of USC, please bring that person and his or her qualifications to my attention by regular mail to Mr. R. William Funk, R. William Funk & Associates, 100 Highland Park Village, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75205, or by e-mail to this special address: <bill.funk@rwilliamfunk.com>.

All nominations and applications for this position will be considered and you may assure your nominee that we will do our very best to maintain absolute confidentiality throughout the search process.

Additionally, I welcome your thoughts about USC's future direction and what qualities the university should seek in the next president. To enable you to easily respond, we have developed the following website: <www.usc.edu/search>.

We expect to have our new president announced no later than the first of June 2010.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Roski Jr.
Chairman

Enclosure