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To the Admissions Officers of UCLA,

I am writing this letter to be accepted into your school, UCLA, because I have the necessary qualifications and skills to thrive in this environment. More specifically, I am pursuing a Political Science major because I aim to become a lawyer, whether it be in criminal justice or corporate law. I am a junior at Ripon High School, enrolled in multiple AP courses, and am involved in several clubs on campus. I was able to learn of you all through my AP English Language course and I knew that I wanted to write to you all because of how much I admire your institution. At UCLA, I know that I would fit in with the school culture, as I take my academics seriously, and I enjoy working through challenging courses to further my level of education. I have gained valuable experience through these years of high school that I will be ready to use as I enter UCLA.

Starting from my freshman year, I already knew that I needed to make my impact on campus. I joined the clubs that piqued my interest, even if they were through Zoom meetings because I knew that they would prove to be valuable. For example, I joined Speech and Debate my freshman year, because I wanted to see what would come about this club later on. I took Honors and AP English courses all these years as well because I know that a lawyer must be skilled to be able to read, analyze, and write research papers. In addition to my English courses, I am taking five total AP classes this year, because I must prepare myself for the workload that a lawyer faces every day. One of those AP classes happens to be AP Statistics, which is a very useful class in case I decide to become a corporate lawyer because I already have an idea of how business models work. I am also the club officer for several clubs on campus, such as Asian Cultural Club, in which I was a cofounder, Scrubs Club, Red Cross Club, and Sacred Heart. This year, I qualified for the District Speech Contest, for my speech that was about the cons of the death penalty. This speech allowed me to research a topic I am deeply passionate about, criminal law, and the rights of prisoners, and I gained more experience by researching scholarly articles and defending my position on this topic.

I urge you to consider me as an applicant for your school, as I know I will be a good fit within the school atmosphere and because I am a strong-willed individual. I am available anytime for any potential interviews and you can contact me through my email at gabriellamelgarejo@gmail.com, for any further questions that you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gabriella Melgarejo

Enclosure