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**In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board of  
Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Secretary Dortch,

On behalf the American Library Association, the oldest and largest library association in the world with some 64,000 members, we respectfully endorse Anne Campbell, the director of the National City Public Library in California, for re-appointment to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors. Ms. Campbell, who has served both the USAC board and public libraries well during her tenure on the board, is an ideal choice for the USAC Board member representing libraries that are eligible to receive discounts.

Ms. Campbell is a community leader, a respected figure in the library field, and a major advocate for the E-rate program. We have been most grateful for her commitment to sharing library concerns with the board and keeping libraries across the country informed about changes in the program. Ms Campbell is an advocate of public libraries who brings strong assets to the USAC Board. We respectfully request that you approve Ms. Campbell's re-appointment to work with the Schools and Libraries Division of USAC; her efforts will help to make E-rate a continuing success for America's libraries and the patrons who depend on them.

Sincerely,



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## **Anne Campbell Professional Biography**

As the City Librarian for National City Public Library (National City, California), Anne Campbell is responsible for providing library services to one of the poorest and most culturally diverse cities in California. Campbell has first hand experience with E-Rate's impact on America's libraries. E-Rate funding provides the telecommunications infrastructure at the National City Public Library, allowing National City Public Library to provide access to electronic information and the Internet, reducing the digital divide for National City's many residents.

Campbell is recognized as a library leader, active within the library community, she served as President of the California Library Association in 1999. Presiding over this 2,000+-member organization, Campbell has the opportunity to serve as a library advocate at public meetings and before the legislature. Recognized by her peers as an effective advocate, Campbell was invited to testify before a House subcommittee on reauthorization of federal library legislation. Invited to testify before the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) regarding libraries and technology access, Campbell provided compelling testimony on the impact libraries and technology can have in communities. Campbell was appointed by FCC Chair Powell to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board in December 2001, representing public libraries.

Campbell has served for 16 years as an elected member of the National School District Governing Board, and has served twice as President of the Board. As an elected official, Campbell has been an advocate for the education of public school students. Recognized as a consensus builder, Campbell was elected as the first Chair of a regional consortium of School Boards.

Campbell has served on a variety of board and committees: Advisory Board of the Stanford-California State Library Institute on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarianship; Governing Board of the Tierra del Sol Regional Library Network; Board of Directors, Califa Library Network; National City Public Arts Committee.

Campbell has received many honors and awards, most recently receiving the California Library Association Member of the Year Award and the National City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Campbell has a B.A. and Masters in Library Science from the University of Arizona. She has spent most of her library career serving libraries in the San Diego, California area.