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- After reviewing the job description for the position, what activities, and special skills make you qualified, and why are you running for this position?

After reviewing the job description for the position of Region IX's Regional Affairs Director, my work as a delegate this past year has truly prepared me for this role. Whether it be through legislative visits with my local assembly members, organizing and moderating our Region IX town hall, or even taking lead of our communications committee during its vacancy. All of these activities have allowed me to gain experience, strengthen my leadership skills, and act as a servant to my peers and community. I have the willingness to dedicate time and effort to improving the lives of our community college students not only in Region IX but through the SSCCC. I am running for Regional Affairs Director, to use the platform to advocate on behalf of the Region IX students and represent them on a state-wide level. I will use my experience as a delegate to empower next year's delegates and increase participation from all of our student body associations.

- Please briefly discuss the core commitments of the Vision of Success and your understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion?

The core commitments of the Vision of Success are as follows; ensuring students from all different backgrounds can reach their goals, improving the lives of their families and communities, and eliminating achievement gaps. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are not only integral parts of the SSCCC but fundamental pieces of improving our community college system for the students it's serving. In order to best serve our students, we must address their needs, recognize them at the regional and state level, and advocate and implement effective practices that improve their lives and academic experience.

- What issues in higher education are you most dedicated to addressing and why?

I am most dedicated to addressing the desperate need for basics resources for our students, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am also devoted to menstrual equity, student trustee enfranchisement, and mental health resources. Despite the issues listed, I am committed to tackling all problems our students are facing with the same vigor and enthusiasm.

- What makes you best suited to serve as a voting member on the SSCCC Board of Directors?

I understand the role of the RAD in the SSCCC Board of Directors and the responsibility of partaking in the leadership and decision-making of the organization. I will be dedicated to upholding the mission of the SSCCC which is to increase student access, promote student success, and engage and empower local student leaders. I will do this by being an active participant and contributor in the Board of Directors, Regional Affairs Committee, and any other committee that I am a part of.

