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### Letter of Intent

In this era full of hurdles and challenges, we all face some form of criticism constantly in several parts of life. Whether it be personal or professional, we stand at new turns daily. I am continuing to set on my new journey at Bakersfield College by showing interest in the position of a Senator. I understand the feeling of wanting to express feelings and emotions, of wanting my voice to be heard. Hence, it would be an honor to continue being a part of the Student Government Association, initially as the Director of Finance and now as a Senator. My interest in being appointed for this position is inclusive of my passion for building a community where everyone feels they belong. Understanding the importance of social connectivity, I believe that my appointment as a Senator will allow me to continue my initial goal, to flourish a sense of inclusion amongst my Renegades through my efforts and those of the officers of the Student Government Association.

Everyone has their definition of a leader. In my view, a leader understands others and their hurdles with an open mind and an attentive detail span. In high school, I have been viewed as a leader through my role as President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness branch on campus along with other leadership roles. Being academically aware of my surroundings, I contributed to ensuring that students had a safe space to open up about their feelings and hurdles through a program known as "Talk To a Teen." With a motive to provide a safe space for students to share about their life, this program allowed me to nourish my skills as a leader. It

allowed me to gain new perspectives and learn exactly how different we all are. I have learned that being different is not negative but rather a strength with the potential to define a person's unique persona. Here at Bakersfield College, I am continuing my stance on promoting a safe space through my position of President of the NAMI Club.

Students should have a voice in their education and their environment. The Student Government Association at Bakersfield College provides opportunities for this motive. Through this organization, students can possess a voice in the culture of the institution and towards improvements that can be made to be inclusive of all students rather than a single group. Furthermore, it allows for leaders to evolve by becoming a part of a change that will be remembered. The representation of the student body is available with the efforts of an active student government to staff, faculty, and higher authority groups. With the growth mindset of leaders, the Student Government Association will continue its practice to continue bringing students at Bakersfield College together, paving a path for future equal, rightful opportunities.