To Moorpark College Faculty:

I am honored to have been nominated again for the position of Treasurer of the Moorpark College Academic Senate. I would like to continue the work I have been pursuing for the last two years in that role.

Originally from Dublin, I am a former lawyer, both in Ireland and in California. But I wanted to pursue a different course, and while raising my family, I returned to school. I took my very first accounting class at Moorpark College, and my College Algebra class was taught by Chris Cole, when we were both very young. I eventually acquired both an MBA (focus in accounting) and an MA in economics.

After completing my education, I began working as an accountant for various clients. I have also taught accounting and economics at both public and private universities for many years. I joined Moorpark College in 2014 as an adjunct, and I received tenure in Spring 2019.

When I first arrived at Moorpark College, the accounting department was moribund, despite its talented and committed adjunct faculty. I knew that our students needed more academic options, especially in the CTE area. I wrote curriculum for five new courses and three new certificates, and I am currently bringing an AS degree through the curriculum process. This year, I have also successfully aligned our two transfer-level courses to the CVC-OEI rubric. I could only have done this with the support of my faculty colleagues and the multiple opportunities for professional development that have been made available to me.

Before joining Moorpark College, I had never heard of an academic senate or "standing" committees. But I have always believed that "being involved" is the best way to learn about and give back to any institution, and I have tried very hard to give back to Moorpark College and the District since coming to our campus. I serve on the SLO committee, the Fiscal Planning committee, the Curriculum committee, and the Guided Pathways steering and mapping groups. More recently, I have been active in VCCARA and the Racial & Social Justice Theme 1 workgroup, and I co-facilitate the newly formed MC Racial & Social Justice book club.

In addition to my duties as Senate Treasurer for the past two years, I have chaired the Scholarship Committee, and I served on the Sabbatical Tech Review Workgroup. Under the leadership of Nenagh Brown and Erik Reese, I have developed a better understanding of participatory governance and the role of Academic Senate in relation to our college, the district, and the state. I have attended the ASCCC Leadership Institute, and I will be in virtual attendance at the fall plenary session. I am not afraid to speak my mind, and I pledge to continue to advocate for students and faculty whenever the need arises.

I would like to remain Treasurer of Academic Senate and to continue my commitment to our college, district and community.

Thank you for considering me for this position.