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## LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY COMMUNITY

Dear Friends:

As you know, the University has the responsibility to appoint the next permanent Director of the Laboratory to succeed Steve Chu. That process is well underway.

Yesterday, the Search Committee to advise me met at the Laboratory. We heard from a number of staff who were selected to represent the various interests across the Laboratory. They presented their views of the opportunities and challenges facing the Laboratory in the future, and they expressed their opinions of those characteristics and qualities that we should be particularly mindful of when considering the next Director. It was an excellent opportunity for the Committee to hear directly from those representing the real strength of the Laboratory – you, the talented and dedicated staff.

Although we could not meet individually with all of you yesterday, I want to extend a personal invitation for you to visit the Director Search page on the LBNL public Web site (<http://www.lbl.gov/director-search/>). On the Director Search page, you will find further information about the search process and the advisory groups that are supporting it. We have an impressive group of individuals providing advice, and I am confident that we will have a good outcome.

On the Director Search page, you will note a link to provide comments or submit nominations and applications (<http://www.lbl.gov/director-search/contact.html>). I encourage you to give us your thoughts on the Director search or to submit nominations of those you would like to see as your next Director.

To keep you informed regarding the next steps in the process, I would like to provide the following timeline. The Screening Task Force, chaired by UC Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies Steven Beckwith, will meet on September 14 to review the applications and nominations for the position. The Task Force will make a recommendation to the Search Committee of up to 15 individuals who the Task Force believes should receive further consideration for the position, up to and including an interview. The Search Committee will deliberate on those recommendations at a meeting on September 17 and determine whom it

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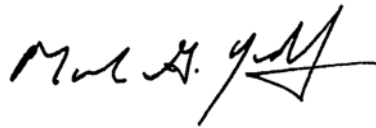
wishes to interview. Interviews are scheduled to occur in mid-October. I am hopeful that I will be able to complete the process and take a recommendation for the next Director for approval by The Regents at their November meeting.

I want to thank you for your interest in the process and for your patience as we complete this important task. LBNL has a stellar record of outstanding science, engineering, and technology in support of the Nation, and the selection of a visionary leader is critical to your continued success. That decision is undoubtedly the University's greatest responsibility as contractor for the Laboratory, and one we take most seriously.

I deeply appreciate your continued dedication and service.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark G. Yudof". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Mark G. Yudof  
President