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With the strong encouragement of many, I am running for APA president -- again. I am running to continue to get things done for you and our profession. I have the knowledge, experience and established working relationships with staff, APA governance groups, other organizations and members of Congress to get things done.

Unlike other candidates, there will be no learning curve for me. I know how to be an effective president and can focus efforts on getting more things accomplished for you and our profession. My track record is clear and compelling — just take a look at the 2009 APA Annual Report.

In 2009, we began some very important work with the Future of Psychology Practice and science initiatives and they need to be continued and expanded. Several areas need our immediate attention:

1. *The Future of Psychology Practice Task Force* recommended a strong focus on the economic viability of psychologists to protect the current generation of private practitioners who provide

assessments and psychotherapy, while continuing to transition to new models of health care and practice.

2. The new Congress has taken aim at behavioral and psychological science funding to help balance the budget. We cannot allow this and we need strong advocacy from all psychologists to protect the funding for our basic and applied science.

3. In education, we need to develop new models to train the next generation of practitioners and scientists to be successful in the changing health care and academic environments. We need to address the financial burdens of training and solve the internship and post-doctoral crisis.

4. In psychology and other professions, women are becoming the majority, yet leadership in these professions does not often reflect this change.

I propose that APA expand the successful Women in Leadership Institute.

5. For Public Interest to be successful, we need to address the health disparities in our field and for the public.

We need to attract a diverse group of the best and brightest students into our field.

I thank you for your support and look forward to welcoming you as president to the 2013 convention in Honolulu.

Aloha.

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