I trust you and your families are well as you are finishing (or have finished!) the academic year. Here at Chapman, planning continues for “CU Safely Back” – our plan to return to in-person instruction in the fall. As a part of the plan, Residence Life and First Year Experience is adjusting housing for 2020-2021 to accommodate physical distancing. To achieve this, we will need to reduce the total campus housing occupancy by 20% in the fall. Currently, we have about 800 more continuing student applications than we have spaces available.

Initially, we suspended the requirement to live on campus during the first two years at Chapman and offered incentives for students who canceled their on-campus housing plans. Although some students informed us they would make other plans, unfortunately, our application numbers still outpace the number of spaces we can offer. You can still cancel your housing application by filling out our cancellation form.

Therefore, we are now prioritizing housing applications from students who live outside of southern California as well as those with significant socioeconomic needs. We feel that students within southern California are in a better position to either choose to commute or secure off-campus housing near Chapman, as opposed to those outside the area who would find it more challenging to search for available housing from a distance.

It is important to note that each of you will be individually considered.

For those selected for Chapman housing, roommate groupings may have only partial approvals, meaning, you may need to decide if it is more important for you to live with your preferred roommates or to live in Chapman housing, as both options may not be feasible.

Here is a timetable of what to expect in the coming weeks:

- **Phase 1:** By the end of this week, initial notifications to anyone who still has an active application
  - Yes – you will receive further instructions and a timeline for the roommate and selection process.
  - No – you will need to start actively searching for off-campus housing alternatives. There will be an appeals process for extraordinary circumstances, but please understand that there are strict physical limitations on the number of spaces we can offer. There are likely to be many appeals not granted.
- **Phase 2:** Evaluate appeals and finalize housing selection list.
- **Phase 3:** Panther Housing Selection process
- **Remainder of the summer:** We will continue to work our way through any remaining waitlist as we get late cancellations.

Anyone who cancels before the selection process or cannot select housing will be eligible for the following:

- A refund of your $500 housing reservation payment (if applicable).
- If you qualified for a Chapman Housing Grant on your financial aid package, you will be allowed to keep this grant money on your aid package (up to $1,500) even if you do not live in Chapman housing for the upcoming year. This is a one-time exception this year and will not be available for future years.

Many of you may have additional questions. The Residence Life and First Year Experience team and I are turning the bulk of our resources toward this process and are available to provide clarification. We want to support you in any way that we can.