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FUTURE OF NURSING TO BE DISCUSSED AT USD PRESENTATION

The impact of nurses on the political process in Sacramento and an examination of that process will be the focus of a presentation by Irene Agnos, R.N., director of government relations and lobbyist for the California Nurses Association, in an address at the University of San Diego's Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing on Monday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m. in The Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Center.

Sponsored by the USD Undergraduate Nurses' Association, the event is open to the public without charge. Agnos' address will be accompanied by an audio-visual presentation on the legislative process, a first showing in San Diego. Agnos will take a crucial bill concerning nursing and track its record through the California legislature.

"This year," says Agnos, "the California Medical Association opposed 80% of the bills nurses were most committed to. California nurses must be better organized and informed if we are to compete with CMA for legislators' votes."

In this election year, the lobbyist said, nurses must become more politically active by participating in campaigns of those politicians who support nurses' issues.

Agnos, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has been with the California Nurses Association since 1980 and was a nursing specialist for the Regional Center of the East Bay, Oakland. In 1982, she received the Shirley C. Titus Award from the American Nurses Association for "significant contribution to the economic and general welfare of nurses."

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