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Action Requested:

Consider the University of Iowa's request to name the Institute for Vision Research "The Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research."

Background:

The University of Iowa requests that the Institute for Vision Research be named the "Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research," in recognition of Mr. Wynn's \$25 million gift commitment to support the institute.

The mission of the institute is to propel the University of Iowa into a world-leading role in the eradication of human blindness through interdisciplinary translational research, education, and clinical care.

Stephen A. Wynn, chairman and chief executive officer of Wynn Resorts, Limited, made his gift commitment after becoming familiar with the University of Iowa's stellar reputation for success in translational vision research. Having personally experienced loss of vision due to a rare inherited eye disease, Mr. Wynn is dedicated to advancing the science that promises one day to help others similarly affected keep or regain their vision. Mr. Wynn's gift will accelerate the Institute's progress toward uncovering the genetic factors that contribute to human blindness, and developing novel treatments based on that knowledge.

The university believes naming the new institute the "Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research" is highly appropriate recognition for Mr. Wynn's generosity and commitment to the goals of the institute, and that it is in keeping with all naming guidelines specified by the Board of Regents and university.