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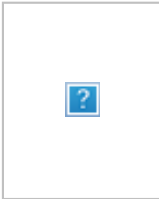
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Greta, here is a copy of the response to Chris' letter for your records. Hope all is well given the tumultuous circumstances these days.

Best,

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**From:** Bill Mallowney  
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Chris, this is in response to your email to Valencia College's president regarding the inclusion of an item titled, "invocation" on the agendas of meetings of the college's district board of trustees. I just noticed that my prior email response did not get delivered to you. Without venturing into the debate on what is or is not constitutional or appropriate with respect to prayers at public meetings, I wanted to advise you that in recent years, Valencia's "invocation" board agenda item generally has been more meditative in nature, and perhaps more consistent with the contents of your letter. In any event, with the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Valencia's board meetings have been held online since March, and given the limitations of the online environment, the "invocation" item has not been included in the board's meeting agendas since that time. As Valencia transitions back to in-person meetings, it will do so with the heightened awareness promoted by your letter.

Best,

Bill Mallowney

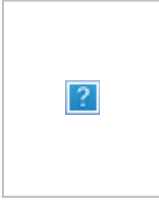
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