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Re: Change of Major Petition

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to appeal to change my major from a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) with a concentration in Finance.

After reflecting on my internship experiences, course work, and personal interests, I have realized that pursuing a finance degree would best prepare me for a career in making responsible financial decisions. Over the summer, I worked with San Francisco-based Dignity Health, and while I was there, Colorado-based Catholic Health Initiatives began merger talks with Dignity Health. The potential merger sparked my interest in finance and prompted me to research the details of how that deal would work. My curiosity for finance grew as a result of this experience and continued into the Fall 2017 semester, during which time I participated in an investment banking competition, joined the investment club on campus, and completed another internship at a local boutique bank, which required 80-hour workweeks. Moreover, I enrolled in and successfully completed several math and finance courses outside of my major to hone my skills in those areas.

While cultivating my intellectual curiosity in finance, I updated my four-year coursework plan to make sure I graduate with a BSBA in the two years that I have left at SJSU. I still need to complete 5 finance electives, and I do not anticipate running into any registration issues once the department has approved my petition. Thus, switching from Public Policy to Finance will not delay by graduation.

Given my interest and aptitude in finance, career aspirations, and ability to graduate within 4 years, I not only believe that Finance is a better fit for me than Public Policy, but also I will excel in the major. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sammy Spartan