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***Endorsement of LSST Corporation Activities by the LSST Science Collaborations***

*We, the LSSTC Science Collaborations Advisory Committee and Chairs of the eight LSST Science Collaborations, as representatives of our respective collaborations, are pleased to enthusiastically endorse the efforts of the LSST Corporation (LSSTC) to maximize LSST science through private philanthropy. We also intend to remain in close communication with LSSTC to inform their advocacy on behalf of the LSST science and education communities.*

*The Science Collaborations are committed to continuing to work closely with LSSTC to help guide private funds to programs and activities that have broad scientific value. In addition to regular communications among representatives of the SCs and LSSTC, the collaborations provide advice and guidance through the LSSTC Science Collaborations Advisory Committee, and via a designated seat on the LSSTC Executive Board for the SC Coordinator.*

*Most of the science planning for LSST has taken place in the Science Collaborations (SC), which were directly fostered by the LSSTC dating back to the coordination and publication of the LSST Science Book prior to the 2010 Decadal Survey. We are pleased that LSSTC expects to continue to support activities within and across Science Collaborations, and to facilitate communication among the Science Collaborations. Historically, the majority of the Science Collaborations have not received financial support elsewhere and many members have depended upon LSSTC to fund LSST-related science preparations (see <https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.09027>).*

*Maintaining the alliance between the Science Collaborations and the LSSTC is integral for the success of LSST.*

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