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REFERENCE FOR ALLISON SAMPSON

For about 10 years, I have worked closely with Allison Sampson, largely in her role as Executive Director of the Colburn Foundation in Los Angeles, but also in other community areas of mutual interest. During this period, I have been consistently and favorably impressed by the keen intelligence and alertness that Allison brings to whatever she is involved with, and her 100 percent dedication to fulfilling her responsibilities, both professional and personal.

Allison Sampson is particularly skilled at identifying and supporting major donors and working with idiosyncratic board members at community cultural institutions. She has consistently shown patience in dealing with complicated individuals, and has intuitively understood their motivations and needs. At the same time, Allison is a disciplined and organized administrator, and she has the ability to give close attention to the detailed aspects of running an organization.

Ms. Sampson is also highly ethical and a person of integrity, and is honest and direct in dealing with people when the situation so requires.

We were surprised when Allison Sampson decided to step down as Executive Director of The Colburn Foundation, but after 10 years of having helped start this institution and lead it through its initial decade, she is entitled to seek new challenges in her professional career. I strongly recommend Allison Sampson for a leadership position with that wide range of cultural, philanthropic, and governmental organizations for which her skills are so uniquely suited.



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