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To whom it may concern:

It is a great pleasure to write a letter on behalf of Allison Sampson, who I have worked with and admired for over two decades.

Allison is one of those rare individuals who combines the highest level of intelligence and judgment with exemplary personal qualities including flawless integrity, sensitivity and social grace.

I first worked with Allison while I served on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, while Allison represented the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Subsequently, we worked together with the late Richard Colburn to develop and shape the formation of the Colburn School and Conservatory. Most recently, we joined forces on the Colburn Foundation, where I serve on the Board of Directors and Allison guided the Board as Executive Director.

In her recent role as Executive Director, Allison was continuously and graciously available to Board members for any needs that emerged. She was at all times prepared and organized, capable of handling numerous matters at any given moment – a multi-tasker. Her communication and writing skills were polished; she could interface easily and persuasively with policy makers and public figures. Even more importantly, she could be looked to for her honesty and candor. The Board came to rely on her wisdom and solid judgment.

On a personal level, Allison was delightful to be around. Her enthusiasm and effervescence were legendary. Her sense of humor always provided a welcome relief from the intensity of the work at hand. My impressions were not unique. Allison was respected and appreciated by all who worked with her.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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Former Los Angeles County Supervisor

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