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RE: Instructor Endorsement of Ms. Alanna Blough, Design Professional, LEED Green Associate

Dear Interested Party:

Ms. Alanna Blough first sought my guidance as a student in my Design Fundamentals studio course in the fall semester of 2007 at City College of San Francisco, and then again in my first semester Architectural Design studio, and lastly in my second semester Architectural Design studio course. Her developed and trained eye as a photographer enabled her to visually seek and envision possibilities that had a compositional sense of dynamic unity and design order. In all of these rigorous and demanding courses that focus on the student's development of an effective iterative process of creative thinking and making that incorporates an expressive and responsive tectonic language, Ms. Blough excelled to achieve a final grade of "A". Grades aside, what this demonstrates is her abilities to address complex problems, accurately assess significant possibilities within given limitations and requirements, and develop design solutions that evolve towards refinement through repeated cycles of testing, assessing and promoting ideas. Her academic successes also demonstrate her abilities to effectively organize, manage time, and persevere with inspired ownership of her work.

In the two and half years that I had the privilege to guide her development of a solid foundation on which she continues to build her successes in life, she held on to her admirable sense of stewardship in which her contributions enhance the quality of life of others in sustainable ways that promote the vitality of our fragile planet. Her purpose focused during our semester long project to hypothetically design a center for sustainable design on campus. Through her research, she identified both passive and active energy efficient strategies, which she conceptually synthesized into her design proposal. In addition, her solution addressed urban design issues that considered relationships to existing site conditions. In short, she developed a unified design that was responsive in multiple relevant and credible ways.

From City College to Berkeley, Ms. Alanna Blough flourished in this world-class university environment to expand and deepen both her knowledge and architectural design process. Her work there represents giant

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