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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR DR. MIKE WARD (#33384)

From: Leland Wilson

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a prior Mayor of the City of Fullerton, I have had the opportunity to supervise and work with many talented and professional men and women. Mike is at the top of the list, and it is with overwhelming enthusiasm that I endorse his application to serve the people of California. I am in a unique position to recommend Mike and attest to his character and abilities as I have known Mike for 4 years in various capacities: patient, neighbor and a trusted friend.

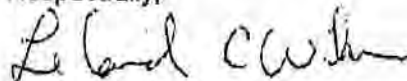
As a patient of Mike's, it is inescapably obvious that he has an un-teachable talent for communication. Specifically, Mike is able to explain complicated physiological concepts and break them down into easily understandable language. His skill of dissecting technical-ese to an analytically sound, generic language is a huge asset that sets him apart not only in his field but from specialists in general.

A lot can be learned about someone's character when you live next to them. You see them on their good days and their bad. And from across the street, Mike has been a conspicuous example of benignant hospitality and civic patronage. I participate in a neighborhood Bible study with Mike, which he has routinely hosted. Being present, it is no surprise why Mike is interested in serving the Redistricting Commission as he displays a huge heart for all around him and a deep fervor for making his community a better place. One example of this willingness to take action is his leadership role in a local impact drive called 'Eastside Cares'. In conjunction with his church, Mike helped identify and organize 16 different collection and distribution points throughout Fullerton in an attempt to feed and clothe the local underprivileged population. This effort led to the feeding and clothing of over 64 families in one weekend. Mike also takes a voluntary role organizing and providing free wellness care for Fullerton's annual 'Miles for Melanoma' run.

Having formed a personal friendship with Mike, I can speak with direct knowledge about the qualities that make the man. Mike has proven himself to be a man of ethics, principles and passion for self-improvement. His willingness to listen to others yet speak the truth with compassion is a solid strength. It is rarer and rarer to find a man whose word is his bond, and in this regard Mike's is stronger than glue. This quality is best illustrated by the fact that Mike received the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Silver Medal of Valor Award for heroism, the first time it was presented in over 14 years. Mike interrupted a burglary and recovered over \$10,000 in untraceable cash, returning it to its rightful owner. Placing his civic duty and personal values ahead of his personal safety is indicative of Mike's devotion to community and State.

Mike works tirelessly to pursue his passions. He is a solid, well-rounded professional who will be an excellent addition to the Citizen Redistricting Commission. He has the talent, analytical skills and drive to not only do the job but do it right. Select him!

Respectfully,



Leland Wilson