

Recommendation for Michelle DiGuilio  
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Ms DiGuilio is a highly skilled planner and communicator. She has two masters' degrees and practical experience in business (consulting), government, and non-profit organizations. Her energy, focus, and ability to work hard served her well as an outstanding college athlete and continue to inform the way she pursues every assignment. She was raised in Southern California, but has experience in other parts of the United States and overseas. Ms DiGuilio and her husband are raising a family in Stockton where they have lived since 1999.

I hired Ms DiGuilio to design a complex grant schedule soon after she came to the area. The project, called STOCKTONSpeaks and funded by the California Council for the Humanities, collected coming of age stories from three generational families in nine ethnic communities. Her dedication and talent helped secure the grant and insured that the work proposed could be accomplished on time and at a high quality.

My decision to hire Ms DiGuilio was influenced by members of the staff of the Health Services Agency in San Joaquin County. They praised her work with both non-profit and governmental organizations. She proved particular adept at bridging the diverse perspectives of the several cultural and socio-economic groups that are prevalent in this county. They were also impressed by her mastery of analytic tools for uncovering patterns in environmental, social, and economic data. Therefore, I was not surprised to learn that recently she was asked to serve on the Community Development Committee of the City of Stockton, a committee responsible for the distribution of Community Development Block Grants and other federal funding here.

Finally, Ms DiGuilio is a team player. Working with her on STOCKTONSpeaks was a pleasure. Her colleagues in local organizations and her at the University of the Pacific appreciate her calm, helpful demeanor. She listens and delivers. She is motivated by the success of a project and service to the common good.

In sum, I find Ms DiGuilio highly qualified for service on the Citizen's Redistricting Commission. She is a polished professional with training and experience in urban planning, a field that demands practitioners maintain impartiality. I have never known her to be anything but objective in her analysis.

Further, she has the demographic and geographic understanding to grasp quickly these data-driven aspects of the assignment. As she also has lived throughout the state, she has a personal appreciation of its variety. In addition, she possesses the analytic tools necessary to evaluate complex social and geographic arguments. She has good judgment and the ability to work well on a team. Her experience in public policy research and her understanding of California provide necessary context for such work. I recommend her to

you for her impartial judgment, experience with the types of materials that the Commission will investigate, and proven analytic skill.

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