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Selection Committee
Citizens Redistricting Committee
Voters FIRST Act, Bureau of State Audits
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 300
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Connie Galambos Malloy, ID #17483

Dear Selection Committee:

I am delighted to write this letter on behalf of Connie Galambos, who is applying for a position on the Citizens Redistricting Committee. I have known Connie since 2003, and though I no longer interact daily with her, I am deeply familiar with her capabilities, her values, and her strength of character. I have seen Connie work in multiple contexts: as a graduate student in three of my classes, as an advisee, as an intern for our community-based partners, and most recently, as a colleague working on social and environmental justice issues in the Bay Area.

When Connie was in grad school, I used to describe her as the most mature, thoughtful, and responsible planner ever to attend our program. Yes, Connie is passionate about social justice issues, coming from a veritable Rainbow Coalition in her own family. But that's not what makes her ideal for the Redistricting Committee. It is her ability to step back, weigh issues carefully, and see the forest instead of the trees. It is her integrity, which requires her to analyze all aspects of a question in order to ground her opinions in the facts. And it's because Connie is, simply, very very smart.

Connie's maturity and intelligence came through in her performance in our graduate methods classes. In my two methods classes, dealing extensively with census and economic data, she quickly mastered every analytical approach I put in front of her. I remember her for always being the first to turn in her assignments – as if they weren't challenging enough!

Connie is also an extraordinarily gifted writer and thinker. In my seminar, she critiqued sectoral workforce development strategies for her presentation. Her analysis was top-notch, of a caliber that would help sharpen academic thinking on the subject. She surpassed all of the other students in her ability to think critically about program evaluation.

Finally, Connie was an outstanding departmental citizen. She served on the Admissions Committee, reading almost 400 applications, and she was very active in recruitment activities, helping us attract a diverse student body. She was beloved – and highly respected -- by her classmates and professors alike.

When she was our student, I predicted that Connie would be a star. I see her assuming a position of leadership in the future, perhaps in the foundation or government policy realm. Her work at Redefining Progress and Urban Habitat has proved me correct. She is moving up the ladder at lightning speed – all with the same thoughtfulness, integrity, and analytical approach that characterized her work from the start. She is simply the perfect candidate for the California Citizens Redistricting Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen D. Chapple". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Chapple
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