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**RE: Testimonial & Endorsement
Jeff Baize/Brookhurst Development**

This letter is presented as a testimonial of my experience with Jeff Baize of Brookhurst Development involving the financing and development of the Inderkum High School for the Natomas Unified School District in Sacramento, California. I am the current President of the Board of Trustees for the Natomas Unified School District and was an active Board Member at the time Mr. Baize presented a proposal to provide approximately \$60 million in low-cost financing while guaranteeing the construction and completion of this needed high school. I voted in favor of his proposal. In retrospect it was clearly a very good decision.

At the time, Natomas was experiencing a shortfall in funds for this and other needed school projects. Even with the passage of Proposition M, a local school bond measure, we were still deficient in funds. The financing procured by Mr. Baize/Brookhurst allowed us to free up \$50 million to provide our other schools much needed repairs and facility upgrades while providing all needed financing for the new high school. In addition, the Inderkum High School was delivered ahead of schedule and saved the District several million dollars in costs.

Mr. Baize has also been working on various projects with California State University, Sacramento, where I am presently a professor. His company's experience and capabilities have also proved invaluable here as well.

As an educator, Director-at-Large for the California School Board Association and elected political official, I am entrusted to protect the welfare of our community while furthering its mission to provide quality education. It is with pleasure and without hesitation that I endorse the financing, development and construction expertise of Mr. Baize and Brookhurst Development. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss further my recommendation of Brookhurst Development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Susan M. Heredia".

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