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Stephanie Moreno
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Re: Mel Sarmiento's Candidacy for Associate Director

Dear Stephanie,

I am writing to provide an enthusiastic recommendation for Mel Sarmiento's candidacy for the Associate Director role on the GCRC Board. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mel in a small team environment since 2016, throughout her tenure with Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, where she oversees our environmental education programs that reach over 6,000 children and adults across Santa Clara County annually.

I can always rely on Mel to bring a high level of thoroughness and thoughtfulness to every aspect of her role. She is a highly motivated, passionate team member whose mindset naturally centers around environmentalism, equity, and inclusion. Her strong background and skillset in outdoor environmental education and program development, coupled with her affinity for wildlife and ecosystem management, makes her well-suited toward the District's areas of strategic focus around biodiversity and public engagement.

Mel's general collaborative nature and warm personality will make her an asset on the Board.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel welcome to contact me for any further discussion.

Sincerely,

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