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DON KNABE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to highly recommend Mr. James K. Lewis, to fill the President and CEO of the Long Beach Community Foundation vacancy.

I have known James for a number of years and we have had the opportunity to work together on numerous occasions. He has been a diligent and effective leader for nonprofit organizations who emits positive results. I echo his philosophy -- nonprofit services are to ensure that programs evolve into successful development of the individual and community. He is a man of integrity who has a very strong sense of community pride.

James continues to serve as a community leader for numerous organizations, such as the Long Beach Homeless Coalition, Long Beach Rotary, Long Beach Police Foundation, and Long Beach Chamber of Commerce (just to name a few). He is one to demonstrate respect and is notorious for his excellent reputation and high standing in the community.

He has been presented with a variety of awards recognizing and honoring him for media innovation, business excellence, best workplace, community service, and leadership. Some of his excellent work can be found in publications and presentations. He is also sought out by other organizations and companies for his valued ideas and opinions. They confide in James.

He has a strong ability to collaborate with others to reach the best end result. He is genuine and passionate in his approach to working through intractable problems, and based on his experience and knowledge, I believe James' qualifications will serve him extremely well and be an asset to the foundation.

In closing, I would strongly encourage you to consider James Lewis as an excellent candidate to fill the President and CEO vacancy. He has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

DON KNABE
Chairman of the Board
Supervisor, Fourth District
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