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Mr. Weiss:

I am pleased to provide a letter describing my experience of working with Kris Putnam-Walkerly. Ms. Putnam-Walkerly and I worked together on several projects since 1999, including a series of program design and evaluation projects for a new grantmaking program in the human series serving San Mateo and San Francisco counties for the then-named Schwab Family Foundation and later an evaluation of an initiative funding elder abuse prevention in Alameda County for the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund. For each foundation, I served as a program officer and was the primary contact and supervisor for the work performed by Ms. Putnam-Walkerly.

In my experience, Ms. Putnam-Walkerly's work as a consultant consistently demonstrated the highest levels of competence, quality, and character. She came to each project as an open and diligent learner, quickly developing comprehensive control of the materials and key issues. From the beginning, she exhibited a deep understanding of both nonprofit and foundation planning and implementing concerns. Her research designs were simple and effective, and the implementation was unproblematic. She addressed the sensitivities and concerns that grantee organizations often have in participating in foundation-funded evaluations. And finally, her customer service practices were always exemplary. All projects were completed on schedule and on budget; all work products were ready to be shared with the grantee organizations and the customer foundation boards.

If there is anything more I can do to illuminate my experience of working with Ms. Putnam-Walkerly, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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