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To Whom It May Concern:

As Laura Keeney's immediate supervisor for a community based public art project, I have watched this young woman mature and excel in a number of stressful situations. Laura is bright, energetic, compassionate and genuinely well rounded. She is well-spoken and has a passion to succeed in her field. Her ability to engage people of all backgrounds, regardless of class, creed, or color is her strongest attribute. I personally think she would make a wonderful elementary education teacher. Kids are naturally drawn to her warmth and feed off her energy.

Laura worked tirelessly to gather information and ideas from residents of Olde Towne East on the Peace Garden mural. Once the planning stages were complete, she organized work groups that assisted with implementing the ideas presented. And if that wasn't enough, she worked long in to the night to complete the murals. Her ability to multi-task and get the job done was really impressive.

In closing, let me take a moment to recount why I speak so highly of Laura. Being thrust in to a community-based project can be overwhelming and intimidating. Ideas and tempers fly at a high rate. However, throughout the project, from conception to completion, Laura held her own. When her partner wasn't up to the task, Laura filled in admirably. When donations were needed, she solicited the right people. A health food company donated free products for our dedication ceremony. I could not have asked for a better experience.

It is clear to me as I hope it is to you that this young woman, Laura Keeney, is an exceptional student, one that would contribute greatly to any business, institution, or school. I wholeheartedly recommend her and wish her the very best in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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