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To Whom It May Concern:

Recommendation for Gabriela Marks

I am pleased to be writing this recommendation for Gabriela Marks. I have known her since she transferred to San Francisco State University in January 2002. During this time I have come to admire Gabriela tremendously, not only for her unwavering enthusiasm and commitment, but also for her ability to learn from others and to pass on her knowledge.

Gabriana is a true leader in that she is comfortable not only in taking an active role, but also in working with others towards a common goal. For example, during the first month that she was in San Francisco she took the initiative in planning a costume party for Purim, a Jewish festival, at the Hillel. She worked tirelessly with other students to ensure that promotions were done, that the event was within budget and that every detail was taken care of. With boundless energy she enthused others while keeping abreast of all the different components that make for a successful program.

As co-chair of the Israel Coalition, a student-run group, to which I am the Hillel staff advisor, Gabriela has been committed to the goals of the group, to her own personal development and to reaching out to other students in order to actively include them in leadership roles. In her capacity as co-chair Gabriela chairs meetings, helps to strategize campaigns, sets agendas and is a spokesperson for the group. Gabriela meets with campus officials and administrators on a regular basis to discuss policy and to represent the Israel Coalition. She performs this task with strength of character and is very articulate in putting forward her point of view.

Gabriana has attended many conferences and student leadership development seminars managing her time and balancing her many commitments to ensure that her time at these does not effect her school work or paid jobs. Upon her return from these programs Gabriela is adept at adapting the skills learned and putting into practice her new-found proficiency.

Gabriana is a polite, confident, articulate and bright student and I have no reservation in recommending her fully.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding Gabriela or her volunteer and activism work with Hillel

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Goldblatt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sara Goldblatt
Program Director