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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is written on behalf of Miriam Sachs-Martin, who worked under my supervision as Principal with the East Side Union High School District Adult Education Program August 2000-July 2004. During that time, she gained considerable experience both as a classroom teacher and as a coordinator of various initiatives and projects.

Ms. Sachs-Martin is a stand-out among the teaching staff at East Side Adult Education. Her enthusiasm, her commitment to students, and her advocacy role in the community all came together in the work that she performed. She quickly became a leader within the realm of innovative projects, and brought far more to the instructional setting than a teacher in a standard classroom. She taught a community-based ESL class ("Going to Town"), in which she recruited hard-to-reach students, taught them on a bus as it came to school, and empowered them in the classroom towards self-sufficiency in handling their own community needs. She was innovative in her use of technology, and consistently integrated more access to ESL students and seniors via the Internet and by teaching hands-on computer skills. She served as a student advocate in her role as Community Resource Teacher and helped students build leadership skills in student council settings. She organized the campus's first recycling program, dealing with many institutional obstacles along the way.

I can not imagine a more refreshing addition to your program. Miriam challenges institutions to build a better world, and she makes change happen. In addition, she is bilingual in Spanish and English, which has proven quite helpful with the population she currently serves.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Placer School for Adults (530) 885-8585 or via e-mail jmccoy@puhsd.k12.ca.us

Sincerely,



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