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To Whom It May Concern:

I take this opportunity to recommend Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa to anyone wishing to utilize her leadership, education expertise, and particularly her advocacy and government relation skills. I have known Karen during my entire tenure serving as Assemblymember for the California State Legislature.

During this time, I have had the outmost respect and confidence in Karen. She has character attributes that can be counted on. She is honest, caring and thoughtful. She is not afraid to say what she thinks, and will stand on a particular issue. Karen is a tenacious advocate for higher education, but unlike many advocates for worthy causes, she entertains no self-delusions about her cause or what challenges it is faced with. Practical and savvy, but not jaded, there are few like her.

Her passion for public policy has been demonstrated through her work as a legislative advocate, budget negotiator, campaign organizer, and policy expert in K-12 and higher education over the past 30 years. As a former educator, past Chair and current member of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, I had the pleasure of working with her on several achievements such negotiating augmentations to CSU's system budget, and increasing enrollment at CSU by fall 2016.

As a legislative advocate, her dedication to work, organization, and tireless attention to detail in the pursuit of perfection are attributes that will allow Karen to continue having numerous successes in the higher education policy arena. For these reasons I am pleased to recommend Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa, and I have no doubt she will be the best candidate for the job wherever she goes. I am happy to discuss Karen's qualifications in more detail. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Das Williams".

DAS WILLIAMS
Assemblymember, 37th District

