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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to give you my personal testimony of the character and qualifications of Dan and Kara Hidalgo.

I have known Dan for about 28 years. We went to the same schools growing up; and even back then, I was always amazed at his artistic talents -- how he made it look so easy, starting with virtually nothing, and ending with beautiful art that could be appreciated on many levels. I watched as he pursued his passion for art all the way through college. It was apparent to me then, as it is now, that nothing is impossible for this man. His ambition, creativity, charisma, intelligence, and passion for life make him a truly unique individual. I have always had a deep respect for Dan Hidalgo; and I have always been proud to call him my friend.

Kara and I have been friends for about 17 years. Although I have only recently been introduced to (but am extremely impressed by) her artistic abilities, I have always known her to have a positive energy, along with the creative know-how to make things happen. This, combined with her outgoing personality and intellect, will no doubt be the drive behind the success of this endeavor.

As I am certain you are aware, our state is facing serious financial challenges due to a decrease in state tax revenue, forcing the legislature to significantly reduce (or even cut altogether) funding to many state programs. In an economic climate such as this, education often finds itself directly in the cross hairs of funding cuts. Unfortunately, art programs are among the first to be eliminated when schools are faced with financial strains.

Now more than ever, we need people like Dan and Kara Hidalgo – people who care about education and the importance of cultivating creative minds for our future. Given the opportunity to provide this service without charge to the schools, they will be lending their talent to a much-needed cause without adversely affecting school budgets. I do not know of ANY other people who would be better suited for this noble endeavor. Kara and Dan bring out the best in people, which is what teaching is all about.

Sincerely,

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