



June 21, 2023

Dear Community Action Partnership Committee:

It is with the strongest possible recommendation that I endorse Professor Rosie Alvarez to the commissioner post with Community Action Partnership. I have known Professor Alvarez since 2021 when, to my great benefit, I joined CalStateTEACH as the Southern California Regional Director. During that time, I have known Professor Alvarez to be highly intellectual, conscientious, collegial, and dutiful. Not only is she extremely well-liked and appreciated by peers, but Professor Alvarez is also an incredible educator who has a solid record of working tirelessly to assist others with great enthusiasm.

Professor Alvarez works tirelessly to serve her local context and is devoted to supporting low-income, underserved communities. As a faculty advisor with CalStateTEACH, Professor Alvarez expertly serves candidates who experience financial woes and linguistic barriers, supporting them with strong urging and powerful respect for culture and community. Being a long-time bilingual educator, Professor Alvarez knows full well the challenges associated with navigating the often-unkind, monolingual societal labyrinth. Because of background, and sheer force of will, Professor Alvarez ushers candidates toward professional and personal success. In fact, Professor Alvarez actively seeks to support teacher candidates who hail from Salinas and surrounding areas because she intimately understands their struggles.

As a social just champion, Professor Alvarez directs candidates on how to apply for financial aid, grants, and scholarships because she knows how much of a barrier finances can be for students. Professor Alvarez also works to place teacher candidates in low-income schools so their experience is well-rounded and purposeful. Further, Professor Alvarez appreciates that many candidates want to give back to their local communities, so whenever possible, she works diligently to place teacher candidates at schools they attended as children.

A conscientious educator, a social justice champion, and a community activist, undoubtedly, Professor Alvarez is one of the finest potential candidates for the commissioner's post within your organization. Consequently, I wholeheartedly believe that Professor Alvarez has the dedication, determination, social capital, and intellectual prowess to powerfully contribute to the Community Action Partnership and the greater Monterey County community.

Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Sincerely,

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