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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write as a reference for Bob Andrew for the position of Director of Communications and University Relations at Western Washington University.

For the past twelve years, I have served as Assistant Vice President for External Relations at Georgetown University. In that capacity, I interact with residents of the surrounding communities on University-related issues that may have some impact on their neighborhoods. In this regard, I came to know and work with Mr. Andrew for approximately four years when he was President of the Foxhall Citizens Association. The Foxhall community is immediately adjacent to the University. During this four-year period, the University had two major issues of critical importance to our development – one, the modification of our south entrance so as allow left turns into and out of campus and two, a ten-year Campus Plan which required several layers of public review, i.e., design, zoning, etc.

The first issue – modification of our south entrance – directly affected the Foxhall community and was extremely contentious. Mr. Andrew, in his capacity of president of the Foxhall Citizens Association, was always fair-minded and balanced in his approach with the University. At the same time, he was a solid advocate for his community. He helped develop a compromise which allowed the project to proceed but which protected his community's interest. It would have been far easier for him to oppose the project, as most of his constituents would have preferred, but he listened and understood the needs of both sides, such that the project is now proceeding toward construction.

Mr. Andrew exhibited the same type of leadership with respect to the second issue – Georgetown's Ten Year Campus Plan. Here, the University undertook a two-year process of community outreach to inform and receive input from the community regarding our future development and growth. Mr. Andrew was appointed to represent his community in monthly meetings with the University over this two year period. I frequently relied on his judgment regarding some of our proposals and found him to be very helpful in how we framed our message to the community with respect to our development needs.

In summary, I think Mr. Andrew would be a real asset to your University given his experience with Georgetown University. I found him to be very easy to work with, direct yet constructive in his opinion, and, one who would roll up his sleeves to help get the job done. Accordingly, I would recommend him without hesitation.

I'd be happy to discuss this reference further and can be reached at (202) 687-5677 or at greenanl@georgetown.edu. Thank you for consideration of my views and best of luck in your search.

Sincerely,

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