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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Anthony Alvarado for a doctoral fellowship in the Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program at San Jose State University.

I met Anthony while we were pursuing our Multiple Subject Credential and Masters in Education, Instruction and Curriculum at San Jose State University. During the course of our studies, I quickly recognized Anthony's dedication for higher learning and a pursuit for equity in education. Since that time, I've grown to respect Anthony as a professional colleague, mentor and friend.

Anthony possesses the qualities of a highly effective leader who is forward thinking, organized, and always available and prepared to support the needs of staff, students and families. His natural ability to build and nurture relationships through honest communication and an appreciation for others is deeply rooted in his own life experiences. As a young child growing up in an orphanage, Anthony was fortunate to be surrounded and mentored by caring teachers and other adults. At the same time, he understood the important role of education; to provide opportunities for his growth and independence.

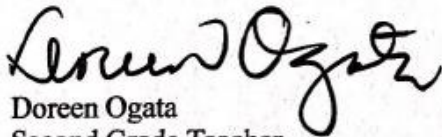
As a teacher, Anthony works tirelessly while analyzing research-based data and assessments to plan highly engaging standards-based lessons to ensure all students have access to learning. He also understands the need for enrichment opportunities to foster 21st century learning skills. To this end, during his 2nd year of teaching, Anthony created a steam lab at Franklin Elementary where K-6 students and teachers are able to utilize inquiry-based hands-on science and engineering lessons. In 2019, Anthony received an award from the PAC-12 organization for his innovative steam program.

Anthony is an all around educator and visionary who has the foresight and flexibility to respond to a constantly changing environment. He volunteers to take on additional responsibilities. As a certified Google Educator, he has trained and continues to support staff on various Google platforms. Anthony also assists teachers with their PLC objectives, including the facilitation of the CAASPP interim assessments. He also finds ways to serve the greater community, and often volunteers to support district level initiatives. Most recently, he served on the Curriculum and Instruction as well as SEL Advisory committees, both of which met regularly to support Distance Learning objectives.

I have had the privilege of serving alongside Anthony as a teacher colleague where I have watched in awe as he thoughtfully engages a young child or takes on the adjunct role of "Principal in Charge." Through his empathy and kindness, it is obvious that Anthony truly cares about all students and their families. Moreover, he is always generous with his time, and willing to share his ideas and teaching methodology. An educational leader, Anthony is continually seeking out new and better ways to provide equitable access to education, and is always adding to his own teaching portfolio.

If you are looking for a professional asset who is committed to research and address the academic needs of an underserved community, you will find your star in Anthony Alvarado. With great pleasure, I endorse Anthony as a highly qualified candidate for a doctoral fellowship in the Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program at San Jose State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doreen Ogata". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "O".

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