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Admissions Committee Sacramento State University Department of Music 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear Admissions Committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Chet Chwalik for admission to the graduate program in music at Sacramento State University. I have had the pleasure of knowing Chet for over 15 years, both personally and professionally, and I can attest to his exceptional talent, unwavering dedication, and profound impact on our community.

As the Senior Minister and CEO of Unity of Sacramento, I have had the privilege of witnessing Chet's remarkable growth and contributions in his roles as Assistant Director and Musical Director of our Music Department. His commitment to excellence is evident in everything he does. Chet has a unique ability to curate and present a diverse array of musical concerts that not only showcase multiple genres—ranging from jazz and classical to gospel and Broadway—but also unite artists and musicians from across the city. Each event he orchestrates leaves a lasting impression on our community, fostering a spirit of inclusivity and joy.

Chet is a consummate professional, always prepared and disciplined in his approach. His knowledge and competency in various musical styles are impressive, and he continually seeks to broaden his expertise. He brings creativity and innovation to every project, ensuring that each performance resonates deeply with our audience. Beyond his musical acumen, Chet embodies kindness and a genuine spirit of service. He is always the first to volunteer for challenging tasks, demonstrating a selfless dedication to the greater good.

In addition to his musical talents, Chet's interpersonal skills are truly commendable. He fosters collaboration and camaraderie among his peers, creating an environment where creativity can flourish. His positive attitude and willingness to help others make him a treasured member of our community.

I have no doubt that Chet will excel in your graduate program and continue to make a significant impact in the world of music. I wholeheartedly endorse his application and encourage you to consider the invaluable contributions he will bring to your program.

Please feel free to contact me at 617-256-8044 should you require any further information or insights regarding Chet's qualifications and character.

Thank you for considering this exceptional candidate.

Warm regards,

The Reverend Dr. Kevin Kitrell Ross Senior MInister/CEO Unity of Sacramento