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Admissions Committee
WorldLink for Youth
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, Suite 113 – Room 115
Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies
University of San Diego
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110

RE: WorldLink Application for Izadora McGawley

Dear Admissions Committee:

It is my great honor to write this letter recommending Izadora McGawley for a summer position at University of San Diego's WorldLink program. I am a civil rights attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., where we provide free legal services to low-income people and families through the state, including in the agricultural regions of San Diego county. I have known Iza for many years,

There are three key reasons why Iza would make a significant contribution to the Worldlink program. First, for years Iza had been incredibly engaged and thoughtful about various social justice issues impacting our world, both nationally and internationally. I have found Iza to be unusually engaged for a young person of her age. Iza is aware of many different topics, ranging from agricultural practices to race relations to the status of women in different societies. We regularly debate these topics and various policies challenges related to them. It has been apparent to me that Iza is well researched and considered conflicting viewpoints. Hence, I believe Iza will be prepared to jump in and rigorously engage in the topics. She will also be willing to listen to different viewpoints and participate in respectful discussion with her supervisors and peers.

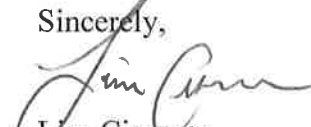
Second, Iza is a team player. Iza has shared with me her strong love for project based learning and the team work that inevitably entails. She works well with other classmates because she understands that everyone has something to offer. I believe this is a strong quality for a program like Worldlink, because the program seeks to help students build problem solving skills. Many of the issues that we face internationally or in a business office setting cannot be solved by any one person or group alone.

Third, Iza is very responsible. For example, Iza has demonstrated to me that she has been thorough about researching various summer internship opportunities. Iza also requested my letter of recommendation well in advance of the deadline and engaged in the appropriate follow up. I have also trusted Iza to babysit my daughter and she excels in school. Her responsibility

and follow through skills make her a strong candidate for an internship program. I trust that Iza will meet and even exceed your expectations.

Lastly, I'd like to share that I am particularly excited about this opportunity for Iza because after college I spent a summer in the Hague enrolled in an international relations and mediations training program. This very special life experience helped cement my commitment to public service and love of meeting people from different countries, and different personal and professional backgrounds. I congratulate WorldLink on a fine program that opens doors for young leaders. I hope that Iza may have the good fortune of participating in WorldLink or a similar program at some point in her bright future.

Sincerely,



Lisa Cisneros
Attorney