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RE: Summer 2015 Fellowship for Kiran Sidhu

Dear Mr. Ruben:

This summer I had the pleasure of supervising Kiran Sidhu during her summer at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, the frontline law firm for low income people in Los Angeles. Thanks to the generous fellowship from Equal Justice America, Kiran was able to spend her summer working in the Housing and Communities workgroup, which focuses on advocacy on behalf of low-income communities in Los Angeles County.

Kiran made significant contributions to the work of our unit this summer. Her projects ranged from conducting research in the City archives on the legislative histories of a local ordinance and land use plan, to helping answer discovery in some of our federal litigation. She also worked directly with clients, conducting intakes and client interviews for our homeownership practice and staffing our legal clinic in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles. Along with other law clerks, she also helped to survey area service providers to ensure that people with limited English proficiency have access to vital government services. She also attended meetings and court proceedings and trainings on a variety of topics.

Kiran was an outstanding addition to the workgroup. She provided excellent research, which has already proved extremely useful in our existing litigation. She also demonstrated a great deal of maturity, curiosity, and dedication to LAFLA's work. She was great with clients and demonstrated a clear understanding not only of complex legal issues, but also the complex issues facing our clients and communities. They will continue to benefit from her commitment and dedication, long after the summer has ended.

Kiran goes to school in San Francisco, so coming to work at LAFLA meant relocating to Los Angeles for the summer--a fairly expensive endeavor for a law student, particularly one committed to public interest. Thanks to your fellowship, this was an option for

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Kiran, and we are thankful for that. The fellowships you provide make it possible for students to make these valuable contributions to LAFLA's mission of improving the lives of low-income people in our community. On behalf of the many clients who Kiran helped this summer, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Myers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shayla R. Myers

Attorney