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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation and support for Lita Barrie. For nine years, I have known Lita as a colleague and friend, and she is certainly one of the most outstanding professors and individuals that I know.

Lita and I first met when I joined the English Department at California State University-Los Angeles (CSULA) as a tenured Associate Professor. Lita taught a variety of courses for the department, from composition to literature, but in our conversations the breadth of her knowledge was impressive. Her expertise went beyond the discipline of English and deeply into areas of Art history and criticism, as well as her publications as a Critic in the humanities. I always enjoyed my discussions with Lita because her perspectives and comprehension of materials and events were and are remarkable. She is an intellectual, but she is never pedantic in regards to her extensive understanding of ideas and meanings. Whether it is writing, literature, art, film, and popular culture in general, Lita shares her distinct insights which always result in an enlightening and thoughtful interaction with her.

At the same time, it was apparent that CSULA was fortunate to have someone with Lita's background, as her classroom experiences on various campuses underscore the range of her teaching skills at private and public schools. Lita is a professor who transforms her vast learning into effective classroom teaching. When I served on a department committee that evaluated her teaching, I was not surprised when Lita scored at the top of assessment rubric used by the department. She was a valuable resource person for students for both the course content and writing strategies, as it appeared that students found her to be accessible and helpful to their many concerns. To me, Lita was always prepared, conscientious, and committed to her classes and, especially, to her students, many of whom came from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

At the same time, Lita enjoyed the support of other department faculty and an excellent relationship with the staff. I've observed her sensitivity and patience when working with

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others, which is an accomplishment in an English Department of twenty-four full-time members and dozens of Adjunct instructors. Those qualities she displays as a professor and colleague are the same ones that have maintained our friendship over the years. Her strength of character and compassion for others contribute to her wonderful, caring personality.

Without reservations, I recommend Lita Barrie as a worthy candidate for your department or program. With her teaching experiences, organizational skills, and effective communication abilities, Lita will excel and serve as a valuable addition to your school.

Sincerely,

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