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To Whom It May Concern,

It was a joy to get to know Tessa Gonsalves as a student in my AVID 11 class and as an Academic Mentor in my Peer Support class as well. I have known Tessa for two years and it has become clear to me during this time that she is gifted, responsible, hard working. She is a leader and extremely intelligent. Tessa is constantly pushing herself to do her best at school and in her community.

Tessa has earned an impressive GPA of 4.23. Tessa is a member of the Gay Straight Alliance Club (GSA) and is currently the club secretary. She is also the Senior Class Treasurer at El Capitan High School. She is a member of the Youth Council and has been active in sports as well. Tessa has played softball for four years, three of them on the ECHS Varsity Softball team. She also played basketball for two years and volleyball her freshman year. Tessa has volunteered for over 250 hours in our community and is a leader among her peers. She has been an Academic Mentor for Academic Leadership on campus, volunteered at the Early Childhood Development Center at UC Merced for 120 hours and is very active with Youth Council events as well.

Tessa is driven to make things better, to serve others and to achieve excellence in the classroom and in sports. Her drive, respect for others and hard-working attitude lead her to success in the classroom and on campus.

Tessa's GPA and the activities that she is involved in attest to her dedication and direction. I enthusiastically recommend Tessa Gonsalves for any academic or scholarship opportunity!

Please feel free to contact me at (209) 384-5500.

Sincerely,

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