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This letter is in support of Anna Michaela F. Diaz's proposal for the "Back on Track" initiative. I first met Anna in my capacity as Director of Curriculum and Training for Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program and employment referral center.

Anna came into our offices seeking to support our agency through Loyola Marymount University as a volunteer for our educational classes. She met with our Case Managers and was referred to participate as a volunteer in our Curriculum Department. Our Curriculum Department is made up of academic and life skills classes that give participants the tools to develop on a personal level. Specifically, Anna became a GED volunteer and also worked one on one with different students. She has been with us in this capacity for almost two years.

Currently, she has proposed the "Back on Track" educational initiative as a means to equip former gang members, parolees, and at risk youth at Homeboy Industries with personal development skills that lead to transformation. As I have shared and reviewed her proposal with our management team, our agency is in full support and approves of her work in this way with our community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 526-1254 ext. 346.

Respectfully,



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 Director of Curriculum and Training