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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Eva Ziss-Patton. Mrs. Ziss-Patton and I worked alongside one another during the completion of her school counselor internship at Wood Elementary. Wood Elementary has a student enrollment of about 358 students, representing a wide range of backgrounds, socio-economic levels, and languages. As the school site counselor, I was extremely grateful to have supervised Mrs. Ziss-Patton during her internship, as she demonstrated great dedication, support and advocacy for the students who attend Wood Elementary.

Mrs. Ziss-Patton's responsibilities at Wood Elementary included providing individual counseling, group counseling, parent consultation, implementing school wide PBIS, facilitating tier 1 social emotional learning lessons in the classroom, facilitating conflict resolution, implementing a behavior support plan, overlooking a lunch club and supporting students who often faced challenges in the classroom due to social emotional needs. Her caring demeanor allowed for students to build rapport with her, which resulted in the successful implementation of interventions that helped students feel more confident and successful in their abilities. Mrs. Ziss-Patton effectively collaborated with general education teachers, parents, and administrators to ensure that students were granted the necessary support for academic achievement, social skills, and coping strategies. She was a key agent in building home and school relationships by maintain contact with parents and gathering updates to ensure that areas of concern were targeted effectively.

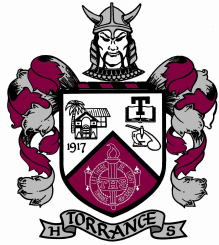
Mrs. Ziss-Patton consistently showed her concern for students who required extra support and used her creativity to make it easier for students to build their socialization and coping skills. She is determined to make a difference and is unafraid to tackle the most challenging issues that arise with students. Mrs. Ziss-Patton demonstrated professionalism at all times and had an eagerness to learn when attending meetings such as; Special Education team meetings, 504 meetings, and IEP meetings in an effort to further advance her knowledge in the education field.

Mrs. Ziss-Patton's drive and abilities will truly be an asset to your organization as she demonstrates to be proactive and professional in carrying out her responsibilities without having to be micromanaged. She is committed to improving the lives of those she serves. It is without hesitation that I highly recommend Mrs. Ziss-Patton to be given the opportunity to be a part of your organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 323-275-8696.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to write this letter on behalf of Eva Ziss-Patton. I have worked with Eva for a couple of years - and I am happy to offer my insights on her work ethic, character, and contributions. I am confident that she will be a positive addition anywhere she goes and has a lot to offer in the role of a school counselor.

Eva began her employment at Torrance High School in the attendance office in 2019, and then interned in the counseling department during the 2020-2021 academic year. As a colleague, she has always been the consummate professional and a delight to work with. She can always be relied on and has a can-do attitude. She brings with her an energy of warmth and positivity and has played a role in creating a cohesive and more productive team here.

Counselors aim to support the academic, career, and personal/social development of students and often wear many hats in order to do so. Eva is able to handle the demands that come with working with a large student population and a busy office environment. During a challenging year that was brought upon all of us due to the COVID pandemic, Eva sought to find ways to connect and advocate for our struggling students when schools were physically closed. She met with students to understand their needs and provide resources and additional support.

Eva can be described as proactive, genuine, compassionate, and generous with her time and efforts. She is patient, kind, and student oriented. Students feel safe and comfortable in her presence which is key as a school counselor. Her communication and follow through is exceptional. She has worked tirelessly to initiate and build positive relationships with our students, parents, and school staff - and a supportive campus culture for our diverse student population at Torrance High. As a result of these characteristics, I believe she will be a great addition and an asset to any team.

Sincerely,

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December 27, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Eva Ziss-Patton for a position as a School Counselor.

I have worked with Eva in my capacity as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Southern California in the Rossier School Counseling Master's Program. I was Eva's instructor for her Research Methods class, where students are to learn the components of conducting research. The class builds an overall understanding of quantitative and qualitative research to be conducted in the field and explore statistical methods and the importance of their use supporting various research designs. Students are to create a research proposal demonstrating their proposed research method on a topic that they are passionate about and want to investigate further. Eva's qualitative proposed study examined The Impact of Chronic Absenteeism on Well-being and aimed to find a way to help students succeed in their educational journey and path to resilience. I really appreciated Eva's enthusiasm in and out of the classroom. She was vital to the class discussions and always had valuable information to share that challenged her peers to think out of the box. I imagine Eva will be a true difference maker for marginalized and minority communities as well as the entire student body.

Eva has used her professional and personal experiences to guide her aspirations in pursuing a career as a School Counselor. She has identified multiple problems in education and societal blockades, while also proposing potential remedies that have aided her research focus. She has demonstrated her passion for social awareness and social change and using the education system as a medium to do so. Her charismatic and permissive personality allows her to have a dynamic approach in critical thinking and professional learning.

Eva has shown the qualities of a caring school counselor who has the potential to inspire and affect positive change in the lives of her students. I believe Eva will be an asset to your school and most importantly to the students.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sherika@usc.edu.

Sincerely,

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