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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to inform you that [Aditya Bhatia](#) served as a judge at our recent event, the Cal Hacks 11.0 Hackathon. [Aditya Bhatia](#) played a crucial role in assessing hackathon projects based on their overall quality, technical complexity, uniqueness, potential for impact, feasibility, effort, and usability. The evaluation process required a unique combination of strong technical acumen and significant experience, and [Aditya](#) was exceptionally well-suited for this task.

Cal Hacks Foundation is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit (EIN 81-3117444) that hosts some of the largest hackathons across the country, attracting over 1600 attendees regularly and fostering the creation of groundbreaking projects.

This hackathon, Cal Hacks 11.0, was a 48-hour event in the center of San Francisco (City View at the Metreon). We had over 1,600 attendees, companies like Google, Citadel, and HRT as sponsors, and important speakers like Alex Pall from the Chainsmokers, and Aravind Srinivas, the CEO of Perplexity. We gave away over \$145,000 in prizes, and partnered with prominent UC Berkeley-affiliated institutions like Berkeley SkyDeck, Berkeley SCET and Berkeley RDI to make the event a success. Hackers built incredible projects throughout the weekend, from brain EEG signal headsets, to AI-powered 911 call analyzers, to assistive technology shoes, and much more.

At the Cal Hacks 11.0, we carefully selected a diverse and highly esteemed panel of judges with the crucial responsibility of evaluating the projects developed by the participating hackers. [Aditya](#) was specifically chosen as a judge to identify the most exceptional projects, due to his extensive experience in the field of AI. Alongside their fellow judges, [Aditya](#) played a central role in the hackathon, providing impartial evaluation and recognizing technical excellence. Their extensive expertise and guidance made a significant impact on determining the winning teams, ensuring the overall success of the event, and cultivating an environment characterized by fairness and inspiration.

We express our deepest gratitude for [Aditya](#)'s unwavering support and substantial contributions as a vital member of our esteemed judging panel. The combined efforts of our

judges played a pivotal role in fostering a fair and motivating atmosphere that encouraged participants to surpass boundaries in the field of computer science.

If you require any further information regarding [Aditya Bhatia](#)'s participation as a judge at the Cal Hacks 11.0 Hackathon, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at team@hackberkeley.org.

Sincerely,

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