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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Johnny Pecina and I am the Community Media Manager for Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC), a local nonprofit community media center in Fresno, Calif. I am writing this letter of recommendation for Blanca Barajas, who took part in the 3rd annual CMAC Youth Voices program, a highly competitive documentary filmmaking program where only 12 Central Valley youth were selected amongst dozens of applicants. She completed the 14-week training program and developed media literacy, idea generation, scriptwriting, field/audio production, editing, and post-production skills.

As the Project Director for the program, I was thoroughly impressed with Blanca's work ethic and drive for the program. She consistently showed dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to making a difference in her community. Her passion for highlighting aspects of social justice led her to produce, direct, edit and her documentary 'Our Disappearing Wetlands', a Western Access Video Excellence (WAVE) award winning film. The award was given by the Alliance for Community Media nonprofit which recognizes excellence in community programming in the Western United States.

In summary, Blanca's skills, education, and experience make her an excellent candidate for any organization that values hard work, dedication, and professionalism. I highly recommend Blanca Barajas and wish her success in her future endeavors!

Sincerely,

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