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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Sydney Wiecking’s application to join CTI’s Leading Leadership program. I have known Sydney for more than 35 years – initially in the 1970s as a student in several of the philosophy courses I taught at Hawaii Loa College and as her academic advisor, and since then as a friend of many years in many places.  Sydney was always – and still is - an intelligent, talented, beautiful woman.  In her college years, she was as smart as they come and excelled in almost every subject; but, at the same time, also an accomplished horsewoman in touch with nature and as nice a friend as any college student could wish for.

Sydney is the most all-around balanced person I have ever known.  The Hindu philosophy encourages a balanced practice of the four yogas of mind, body, heart and spirit in order to achieve a life of wisdom, health, compassion and calm.  Sydney has been a teacher of both academic subjects and of body health & fitness – and continues to exemplify the enquiring mind and a healthy lifestyle in her own life.  She is both empathetic and objectively perceptive in her coaching of clients.  She is intellectually stimulating and genuinely fun to be around whether talking a walk, drinking coffee, working or dining with her.  And she is rooted in the values and sense of place that living and learning in Hawaii has given her.

Sydney does not instruct her clients or students, in the sense that in-structuring gives ready-made – or even customized – answers to another. And even as an educator, she does not really lead them toward a particular goal. In her teaching and coaching Sydney is more often a catalyst for growth and transformation in another person – becoming just the right element or insight for the other person that allows them to see and understand themselves differently, to feel and be in new ways. She does not seek to change others, but to help them transform themselves.

Sydney very much wants to join CTI’s Leading Leadership program; and I urge you to invite her, since both she and the program will benefit from that relationship.

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