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To Whom It May Concern,

It is a genuine pleasure for me to recommend Lori Raineri and her team at Government Financial Strategies Inc. (GFS) for your agency's debt issuance needs. In my capacity as Treasurer of Solano County, I have worked closely with Ms. Raineri over the past 17 years. Her responsibilities have included acting as financial advisor on over \$155 million in debt issuance for five of the county's school districts. During her time working with us, Ms. Raineri has proven to be an extremely knowledgeable, competent, and hardworking individual. I am honored to provide this letter of recommendation on behalf of her and her dedicated team.

Lori Raineri and I have jointly testified before the State Legislature on multiple occasions regarding financial best practices legislation. She is a wealth of knowledge and information regarding school finance and the Education Code. She is also a widely recognized subject expert and consequently a frequent presenter at the California State Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors on topics related to education finance. Her knowledge extends to general obligation bonds, certificates of participation, Mello-Roos bonds, lease-purchase financings, and other types of school financing needs.

The level of scrutiny, thoroughness and integrity Lori brings to the districts regarding financial transactions is beneficial to the district, tax payers and regulators. Because of her reputation, Lori was personally selected by the Vallejo City Unified School District to assist in their financial restructuring, a capacity she continues to serve in to this day.

I would highly recommend Lori Raineri to any districts or agencies contemplating debt issuances of any kind. I hold her and the GFS team in the highest regard for competence and honesty.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Lomeli".

Charles Lomeli
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