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RE: Brent Alexander, Governance Letter of Reference

To whom it may concern:

The Alberta Real Estate Foundation would like to offer a few thoughts on the character of Mr. Brent Alexander and his strong governance skills.

Brent joined the Alberta Real Estate Foundation board in 2011 and stepped into a leadership position immediately by contributing his knowledge around community finance and grant-making. He is professional and thoughtful in his analysis of community grant applications. Brent takes the time to meet one on one with community groups to understand their needs and how to bridge the gap with community investment funds. His willingness to meet community groups and ask questions that matter makes a difference in how the Foundation delivers its community investment.

Brent is intelligent, caring and approachable. His passion for making Alberta communities strong and resilient is evident upon interacting with him. He truly cares about community issues such as affordable housing, land use, and the environment. This is demonstrated through his background in business, banking and urban land planning. Brent is a champion for diversity and is willing to ask the tough questions to encourage discussion amongst board members to reflect upon inclusion and balance.

Moreover, Brent is respectful of the time and effort that citizens put into implementing their ideas on the ground. He is a problem solver and is able to work with different viewpoints to bring about decisions. The Foundation values his background in governance and depth of experience on community boards to bring about positive change in our organisation and for the range of community groups that we support.

With Kind Regards,

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