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The Sara Ann Bilezikian Fellowship
% MPA Program
The Evergreen State College
Attn: MPA Program Assistant Dhara Katz

Re: **Sherwanda Beck-Atkinson**

Dear Selection Board, The Sara Ann Bilezikian Fellowship:

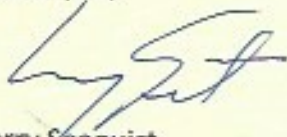
This is to offer my strongest possible recommendation for your immediate selection of Ms. Sherwanda Beck-Atkinson for the fellowship.

Sherwanda was a standout student in my recently completed graduate course, Leading Strategic Change. Because her especially strong work in that Winter Quarter course is directly relevant to your consideration of her application, I include my personal evaluation of her learning mastery in the class as an addendum to this letter.

Fully and creatively engaged in the class, Sherwanda stood heads and shoulders above her peers as a student with very special capabilities. At this extraordinary moment in American, indeed, in global history, when we must collectively build a much more sustainable society and economy, Sherwanda deploys proven research skills, exceptional strategic judgment, and an exceptional ability to communicate on a direct, personal level. Already deep into rethinking sustainability with bold, creative strategies, she has the rich life experiences and mature judgment that enable her to chart a path forward from our present, still-deepening emergency.

Sherwanda is ideally equipped right now to thrive in The Sara Ann Bilezikian Fellowship. One of our strongest future community leaders, she will bring great credit to the Fellowship and to Evergreen's MPA program. I urge her selection.

Thank you,



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