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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to recommend John Cruz as a planning professional. In the short time I have known him I have found him to be a hard worker and someone who has done due diligence to not only his own personal development, but also the profession of planning itself.

During his time at Wayne State University, I got to know John through his work with the Michigan Association of Planning's annual student conference. For the 2011 conference at the University of Michigan, John was a conference representative from Wayne State, working with peers from all over the state to plan the conference and recruit students. In 2012 the conference was held at Wayne State and John got a chance to show his leadership skills, taking on the role of conference host committee chairman, having a greater role in the conference planning and execution as well as having his own in-house team of volunteers to manage.

Additionally, John furthered planning through the Wayne State Student Urban Planners, the American Planning Association's student group at the school. John served as Co-Chairman of the organization and later the communications Co-Chairman, a capacity which included being the representative from Wayne State to the American Planning Association Student Representative Council.

He has proven himself as being able to work well with teams, volunteers, peers, and professional organizations. He has been a pleasure to work with and would be an asset to any professional planning organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Lauren Carlson'.

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