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Dear Hiring Committee,

It's a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Devon J. Mathis, someone I've come to know and respect through years of working together in the Capitol. While Devon and I come from opposite sides of the political aisle, that never stopped him from reaching out to collaborate on issues that matter deeply to all Californians—especially our schools, public safety, and long-term investments in community infrastructure.

Devon took the initiative early in his legislative service to meet with my office, listen, and find common ground. What began as conversations about budget mechanics soon evolved into meaningful partnerships on school safety, energy, and rural investment. Whether authoring legislation like AB 960 to improve digital school safety tools or helping navigate difficult budget conversations, Devon brought not just sharp policy thinking, but a spirit of teamwork that's often rare in politics.

He understands that nothing moves in Sacramento without trust, and he's spent a decade building authentic relationships—on both sides of the aisle and across agencies. Devon's ability to bring people together, ask thoughtful questions, and see the big picture makes him an outstanding consensus builder and problem solver. His efforts with ActVnet reflect this same collaborative approach—he's already been instrumental in helping the program grow its outreach and align with state processes for funding and implementation.

Devon's leadership style is grounded in respect, service, and a deep care for his community. I've seen how he empowers others, values collaboration, and brings steady, creative leadership even in challenging times. Those traits will serve him well in the Coordinator role with Tulare County's School Safety Program.

Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss Devon's qualifications further—I'd be happy to share more about the great work we've done together.

In Peace & Friendship,

**FIONA MA, CPA
California State Treasurer**