## **SMITHGROUP**

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To whom it may concern,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Jessica Micallef for acceptance to your master's program. As a Design Principal, I had the opportunity to work closely with Jessica on an incredibly unique Corporate Headquarters for Axon in Scottsdale, Arizona. This project was unlike any project in my career, both in the aesthetic and the unique visions of the client. We were continuously challenged to develop highly technical and stylistic iterations that defied any preconceived notions of what a corporate headquarters should look like. Jessica truly stood out in her abilities; she proved herself to be competent, very creative and nimble in her responses to the ever-changing program and design. Jessica's technical expertise was an exemplary asset to the success of the project. With our work from home status making communication challenging, she was still able to find multiple mediums to communicate solutions to the client and keep the process moving forward.

Jessica's positive attitude, professionalism, and ceaseless dedication distinguished her from her peers. Jessica's is exceptionally talented, and the quality of her work is what I expect from more tenured individuals. She was able to quickly gain my confidence, and I feel very fortunate to have had someone of her caliber on the most demanding project of my career.

Jessica has my highest recommendation for entry into your master's Program. I believe she will excel in the program and be a standout alum. I would be happy to address any questions you may have about my experience with Jessica. Please feel free to contact me at (602)315-5850.

Sincerely,

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