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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Jessica Micallef for acceptance in your master's program. I worked with Jessica during her internship and after she joined us full-time in May of 2018 as her Director at SmithGroup. While with us she used her technical, design and personal skills to deliver excellent results in her roles and was a valued member of the team. First as an Intern, while completing her undergraduate studies at Arizona State University, and then immediately following as a full-time Interior Designer after graduation until her decision to continue her education. I am confident that Jessica's exceptional skills, professional experience and personal qualities will make her a valuable asset to the program.

As a young Interior Designer, Jessica demonstrated her innate design sense very early on that propelled her to be included in some of our highest profile projects. These included corporate relocation projects of varying sizes for clients such as Axway, Vitalant and BioCare as well as building repositioning projects for multiple building owners throughout the Phoenix Metropolitan area. Throughout her tenure with us Jessica participated in all phases of the projects, strengthening her skills in programming, design development, the development of technical and construction documents as well as working in the field. Moreover, our focus on sustainability and a very strategic approach to workplace strategy, both of which Jessica gain experience in, will benefit her upcoming projects as she integrates those skills into her solutions.

What is more, Jessica's constant desire to learn and her extremely positive attitude always made her a stand-out member of the team and someone that our Senior Designers greatly appreciated working with. During her work on the Axway Corporate Headquarters project she demonstrated the exceptional ability, at a very early point of her career, to deal directly with the client and solve complex issues under very demanding circumstances. She showcased her willingness to listen and lead to solve issues to achieve positive results. Additionally, she demonstrated tremendous professionalism which was appreciated by both our client, her fellow teammates and our design leadership.

Jessica has my highest recommendation for entry into your program. I have no doubt she will make a strong addition to not only the program itself but exercise her professional experience and collaboration skills to work with others to make them better students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding her candidacy or work experience while with us at SmithGroup at (480) 302-0568.

Sincerely,



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