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Recommendation Letter for Andreia Guariento

To whom this may concern,

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 247 offers union members and their immediate family the opportunity to improve their lives through education by offering free short term courses at our training centre in New Westminster.

Andreia's contribution to our members has been exceptional; she has facilitated educational workshops on financial topics such as mortgages, credit history, budgets, student loans, debt management and financial strategies. She volunteered her time and knowledge for the benefit of our members, not only during the official workshop timeframes, but afterwards during follow-ups. There was no monetary reimbursement for her time, nor self promotion at any point.

The seven 2.5-hour weekly workshops took place in May and June 2017.

Andreia's passion shined through every interaction she's had with us and our members. She's shown dedication, integrity and excellence by always being available and sharing her genuine desire to help communities battle financial struggles through education. Her contagious smile, demeanor and humble approach have gone along way with our members. Many of them have commented on how comfortable they felt asking "embarrassing" financial questions and sharing their financial mistakes as they felt safe and comfortable with Andreia's knowledge and expertise, knowing that there would be no judgment on her part.

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend Andreia to be the perfect candidate to impart on financial education. In my experience, Andreia's only concern is to ensure that people know their options in this country to ensure that the right decisions are made according to their situation. Andreia possessed a wealth of information that should be shared with as many people as possible; it is information that can truly make a difference in people's lives, for the better. High school curriculums should include Andreia's financial education to give young people a head start to financial freedom.

If you require further details on what a great asset Andreia has been to our organization, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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