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To Whom It May Concern:

Trust this communication finds you well in these interesting times.

It gives me much joy to provide strong support for Keri Akemi-Hernandez, who has demonstrated exceptional Leadership, Community advocacy, and Environmental Stewardship with her substantial contributions to innovative ideas, diligence, and hard work that she offers through Bear Root Resource Center.

The Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force ([CEMTF](#)) invited Keri to speak at our CEMTF 4th Virtual Summit Series: Climate and Indigenous Leadership in September 2023, along with an esteemed panel of guests, that included Corrina Gould, Tribal Chair, Confederated Villages of Lisjan & Co-Founder of Sogorea Te Land Trust; Dr. LaNada War Jack, Activist, and Author; Patricia St. Onge, Chaplain, Mills College at NorthEastern University; Patrick Naranjo, Executive Director, American Indian Graduate Program, University of California, Berkeley; Paul Keoloha Blake, President, Consider the Homeless & East Bay Community Media; and Lisa (Tiny) Gray-Garcia, Author, Poverty Skola, Teacher, Activist & Co-Founder at POOR Magazine/Prensa Pobre/PoorNewsNetwork.

Keri blew us away with her unique brilliance that excited all who witnessed. During Keri's visual presentation and spoken word of her poem, "Mother Earth's Eyes" and the discussion that followed she shared the impacts of Colonialism on the Climate Crisis and offered insight on how we can reset, and correct these harmful actions by reconnecting to our Ancestral roots and uniting together through our connection to land.

Since September, Keri has continued to be in touch to strengthen our collaboration. Keri has shown dedication, resilience, and a commitment to professional development. Keri is dedicated; an adept decision-maker, and a visionary leader – who has all the qualities to transform our community through direct action and regenerative solutions. I am honored to recommend Keri for any resource and support your organization can give so that Keri can ensure she is equipped to continue to make a positive impact in our community. Your support will enable Bear Root Resource Center to grow the resources as well as expand the programs that are offered.

Thank you for your interest, consideration and the opportunity to recommend Keri Akemi-Hernandez. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need further assistance.

Joy, Peace & Blessings,

Cheryl

Cheryl Davila

Founder

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