



CITY OF RICHMOND
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FOR HUMAN SERVICES

May 6, 2019

Re: Ricky Martin

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is submitted in support of Ricky Martin. I have had the pleasure of knowing Rick for more than twenty years, and therefore I am confident that I possess in depth knowledge about his skills and talents.

I am currently the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services for the city of Richmond. Prior to my current position, I served in leadership roles with the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg, Homeward, William Byrd Community House, the American Red Cross and the city of Richmond. I have served on myriad nonprofit boards and been involved with countless community initiatives. Over the course of my decades of professional experiences in Richmond, I have had the opportunity to interact with hundreds of people, from staff to volunteers to a wide range of citizens. To that end, I have interacted with Rick as a co-worker, an employee, a personal trainer, a coach and a friend. In each of those capacities, I have found him to be enthusiastic, inspiring, committed to tasks, and generous in sharing his knowledge.

I have no doubt that Rick will be an asset to any organization. I have personally experienced the energy and creativity that he brings to a team. When he was on my team at Homeward doing community outreach, Rick was an often requested presenter and workshop leader. The feedback we received about him was always positive. He has the unique ability to connect with a wide array of people.

Rick has the unique ability to help people see their potential. He puts that skill to great use as a personal trainer and the creator of the Warrior Fitness Program. I have firsthand experience. He trained me for a few years, guiding me to a new level of fitness. The Warrior Program has blossomed into a successful initiative that has inspired countless people to move, stretch, lift and live healthier lives.

Rick has had a palpable impact on Richmond. I am happy to provide more information, if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reginald E. Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reginald E. Gordon, J.D.
DCAO, City of Richmond