



## **From The Desk Of Judy Shepard**

To The Members of The International Court Council

The Matthew Shepard Foundation has enjoyed a longstanding and meaningful relationship with the International Court System. Through the years, we have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary generosity, compassion, and commitment demonstrated by its members, and we are grateful to Queen Mother Nicole for her friendship and support.

I have read that Empress Coco LaChine from New York has been nominated by several Courts and may be considered to be elected the next Queen Mother II of the Americas.

I have known Coco for many years and am familiar with her work with the Council, raising much needed funds for the Foundation. I am particularly grateful for her steadfast advocacy and leadership with the Campaign for a U.S. postage stamp in honor of my son Matt, an initiative to preserve his legacy and advance equality and inclusion.

In addition, Coco's exemplary leadership within the Imperial Court of New York and the Court's generous support of the Foundation have demonstrated her ability to inspire others, build strong partnerships, and translate vision into meaningful action

Without hesitation, I offer my strongest endorsement of Empress Coco LaChine for the position of Queen Mother II of the Americas. I am confident that she possesses the experience, character and leadership qualities necessary to succeed Queen Mother Nicole; and to continue advancing the mission and values of the International Court System.

She is a good human. In addition to her professional qualifications for Queen Mother II of the Americas, I find her to be empathetic and kind. In my opinion, equally important attributes for the future Queen.

Respectfully,

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