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To Search Committee:

I am writing this letter of support for Dean A. Ramser, Ed.D. for the Full-Time, English Professor at Victor Valley College. I have a distinct honor and pleasure of recommending Mr. Ramser for this opportunity because I have known Mr. Ramser since fall 2005. He attended a course I taught at College of the Canyons Chicana/o Culture course (Sociology 100). During the course, I can remember how Mr. Ramser had dedicated time and energy to understanding the central thesis of Chicana/o Culture by exploring the historical, social, cultural, and economic conditions shaping the community.

Having conversations with Mr. Ramser, I found out that he was transitioning careers. He was involved in the entertainment industry; he returned to school to switch careers to enter the field of higher education. Once Mr. Ramser completed his work at College of the Canyons, he transferred to UC Berkeley, then he attended CSU Los Angeles, for his Master of Arts, and then finishing his coursework for the Ed.D. We reconnected at CSU Dominguez Hills, but know as colleagues.

Mr. Ramser has been teaching in the English Department. Mr. Ramser is currently lecturing at CSU Dominguez Hills he is gaining valuable teaching experience; this experience can be invaluable for your department at Victor Valley College. A unique characteristic of CSU Dominguez Hills is the diversity of the student population; it is racially mixed among Asian, black, Latino, White student population. The university is mixed along socioeconomic lines where many students come from working-class and middle-class backgrounds, and many students r from junior college, and non-traditional students (older students) attend classes. Classes tend to be diverse from the demographics mentioned above. Having this kind of experience can only be a benefit for the department because he understands class dynamics.

If the English and Literature Department hires Mr. Ramser, it will be a good fit for the department and students. The department will gain a colleague who will bring new teaching approaches and students will gain not only a professor but will acquire a mentor. He will add the department's culture because he can draw from different areas based on his experiences in the entertainment industry, being a non-traditional student at the junior college and university level and a lecturer at CSU Dominguez Hills. I highly recommend Dean A. Ramser, Ed.D.'s application for the Full-Time, English Professor at Victor Valley College. Should you have any further questions about Mr. Ramser's qualifications for the Full-Time, English Professor, please do not hesitate to contact me at 818-458-9079 or via e-mail at avaldivia@csudh.edu.

Regards,



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