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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Linda Gant, Kindergarten Teacher at Avalon Schools.

My youngest daughter, Eryn Cassidy - six years old, is a student of Mrs. Gant.

I am currently a VIP with LBUSD and have volunteered in Linda's class on many occasions. I have three grown daughters; ages 26, 23 and 22 who all graduated from Avalon Schools. Two of my three daughters are college graduates and the youngest "grown" daughter is currently pursuing a college degree.

I have served on the Avalon Schools Site Council for two years as well as being PTA President for four consecutive years during the late 1990's through the early 2000's.

I am now in the unique opportunity of starting over again in the Avalon Schools (LBUSD) program for my "late-in-life" daughter. Avalon is a "unique" experience for all who choose to call it their home, especially teachers. It can take many years for the community to "accept" a teacher. Avalon teachers are subject to interactions with parents and students outside of the school experience on a daily basis, whether it be in the only grocery store, the park, the beach or traveling on the ferry. Linda is part of the community and an important part of Avalon Schools. My daughter is reading, writing and excelling in her class and under her guidance. I have spent numerous hours volunteering in Linda's class and I am always amazed at the way she maintains a positive learning environment for the young students.

I hope Linda's success in the classroom and her availability to the parents of her students in the community will be taken into consideration.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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