declare as follows:

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- 1. I would like to thank the court for considering giving me the opportunity to put my past behind me.
- 2. My struggles began when I was young. Both of my parents were alcoholics and drug addicts. My grandparents took me in, but I was angry and hurt that my parents weren't there for me. As a teenager, I struggled with depression and loneliness, and at the age of sixteen, I had a son and got married. I became an adult at an early age. I worked hard to provide for my son, and by the time I was nineteen, I bought my first home and was the night manager of a Fortune 500 grocery market chain. However, I started drinking and looking for fulfillment with alcohol and in bars. Then I found meth, and if I thought my life was bad before, then I was in for a dramatic awakening. Between 2005 and 2019, I was convicted of multiple crimes related to my addictions.
- 3. I take full responsibility for my actions, but that is not who I am. I have been sober and with a clean record for three years now. Despite battling addiction, incarceration, and homelessness, I have maintained an unyielding spirit, using my experiences to inspire positive change in my community. I've taken a number of steps to improve myself and atone for my wrongdoings, which include:
 - a. I have completed a 12-step program of Narcotics Anonymous, and I continue to work the program.
 - b. I am a Program Manager, as well as a Community Development and Engagement Manager, for the serves people and the serves people an
 - c. In July 2023, I was invited to speak at the Washington D.C. about ending homelessness in rural communities.
 I am proud to be considered a community leader and of how I am able to use my lived experience to help others.
 - d. I serve on the Outreach Committee for the Foundation, which provides financial support to those diagnosed
 - e. I serve on the Board of Directors for **homeless**, where I advocate for homeless prevention and support vulnerable individuals in
 - f. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Transportation District.

- g. I am a member of the local Rotary Club, and I regularly attend and involve myself in local city council meetings for the City of **Council**.
- h. I am an active member of **Church**, and I am involved in the Influencers of **Church**, taking part in a 9-month Journey group to better myself and my community.
- 4. Since getting sober, I have also focused on my education:
 - a. In 2021, I completed two programs at **a second second**, a local organization focused on life-building for those seeking to overcome adversity. Both certificates are attached.
 - b. In 2022, I graduated from **Construction**, with a certificate in Drug & Alcohol Studies, earning a 3.82 GPA. This program made me better prepared to help my clients overcome addictions. My certificate and transcript are attached.
 - c. I am on track to graduate in Spring 2024 with a B.S. in Public Administration. Currently my GPA is 3.34. My unofficial transcript from is attached.
- 5. When I'm not working to make a difference in my community, I love spending time with the Lord Jesus Christ and my family. I am an example of how a remarkable life journey epitomizes what it means to face hardship with courage and determination, overcome adversity, and make a positive impact on the world.
- 6. I am seeking expungement of my convictions for professional and personal reasons.
 - a. My criminal record is an obstacle in my professional career. Alongside all my work in the human services field, I own a small business—and my record posed problems in obtaining necessary loans.
 - b. I hope to work for the federal government to advocate for drug and alcohol services and to end homelessness, and possibly run for City Council to continue to advocate for the homeless and strengthen our community. My record poses serious obstacles to each of those goals.
 - c. Expungement would also mark a significant milestone in my journey of transformation and recovery, and it would remove the stigmas I face associated with addictions and a criminal record.

- 7. My petition is well-supported by members of the community. Attached are letters of support from:
 - a. , Sergeant at the Sheriff's Office; , Director of Operations at b. Executive Director of Ministries; c. , Executive Director of County Foundation and my d. fiancée; , a colleague; e. , MSW, a friend; and f. , a colleague. g.
- 8. I cannot change the past, but I can change the future, both for myself and others. I made a change to make a difference, but my record continues to stand in the way of seeking employment and engaging in my life's work of trying to improve my life and the lives of others. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the court expunge my convictions.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on ______

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of **an experimental** with his goal to have his criminal record expunged as another step in his recovery and overall change of character.

I met **1** in 2006 as a young deputy sheriff working for the **1** County Sheriff's Office at the **1** Substation. I was taught by my more tenured deputies in that assignment that **1** was a drug addict and a common thief, which included stealing cars. **1** did not seem to me to be a bad person, and at that time I wondered what could be so bad in his life that he turned to drugs and a life of crime. I had the occasion to deal with **1** in several different investigations and circumstances. Every time I spoke with him, I tried to give him some valuable advice. As time pass, my career path took me to other assignments throughout **1** County, but I always seemed to return to the **1** area and run across **1** for one thing or another. I became jaded and skeptical of drug addicts and realized that only death or a mighty change of heart would make a drug addict stop using drugs and change their lives and circumstances. I would still offer some advice to **1** methods.

I received a letter from when he was sent to jail some time in 2019. He thanked me for my words of advice and promised that this time he was going to change his life. Of course, the skeptical side of me did not believe him.

I recently crossed paths with again again. He has changed his environment, surrounded himself with successful people that bring out the best in him, and he has begun to use his experience to help others who are in similar circumstances. He has completely left his old life of drugs and crime behind him. He looks healthy, he has taken strides to educate himself and become a counselor to those who addicted to drugs. He has changed his focus to help his fellow

man and employ his faith in God to help him. I was able to sit down with **second** as just men, equal in all things and break bread. I am happy to see that just one person was able to change their lives and that I was able to witness that change and somehow be a small part of the process.

is a shining example of what rehabilitation is supposed to be. He made a choice to change, and he was given the resources he needed to complete that goal. Life is definitely not easy, and when a person has traveled a wayward path for so much of their lives, its difficult to change. Because change is difficult for all of us. I am glad to call **must** my brother and hope that he can continue to erase the marks of his past as he pushes forward to greater things in his life. He has a lifetime of experience he can share with others who are dealing with substance abuse and addiction. I pray that the judge reading this will offer **must** another chance at a new life by expunging his criminal record. I am excited to see **must** progress and what impact he can make on others. He has worked hard thus far, and I believe he has a new addiction, changing his life for the better as well as changing other people's lives.

Sergeant

Sheriff's Office

July 31, 2023

Letter of Recommendation –

Honorable Judge:

I have known since June 2021. When we first met he humbly shared with me that he had only been sober for a few months. He also shared with me his long relationship with the prison system. As I looked into his past and we discussed his crimes I came to know a person that had found his way out of that lifestyle but was fighting for a way to stay out. As and some of his family shared his past with me, it become apparent that various circumstance and emotional trauma had led him to alcohol and drugs which ultimately led him to make bad choices. He was stuck in a circle of searching for something and then giving up and giving in but his heart knew that wasn't him. From what he has told me, the correctional officers and other law enforcement who interacted with him along the way knew he didn't belong in that lifestyle either and encouraged him to change.

and I chose to start a relationship and eventually decided to live together in January 2022. I trusted that God put him in my life for a reason. He feels the same. From the outside looking in some say it was risky to get into a relationship with someone with a past. I never felt like he would harm me or my two children and he never has. As a mother I have been cautious, but I would be cautious with anyone. I'm normal, I'm stable, I'm educated, I go to church, I've never used drugs and I can do without alcohol. In fact, we have agreed to maintain a sober household for our family's health. My family and friends, which have become his family and friends are nothing like those that he associated with in the past. He is free to focus on progressing in his work, associating with men in his Influencers bible study, taking the kids out for ice cream, helping them with their homework or attending their choir concerts, finishing his degree, going to the gym, hosting the neighbors and our families at our house for the holidays and helping build our family business. And yes, he does all of that each week.

Although my presence helps encourage stability, **Here t** has successfully avoided his past life by making an effort to stay clean and stay out of trouble on his own. He wakes up early every day to grow in his relationship with God, work on growing positive relationships in the community and contemplate how certain situations make him feel and how he should react. **Here t** works diligently to live purposefully.

I am in awe of the progress he has made. He has a unique strength of character and he has taught me to be more intentional with my thoughts and reactions in every aspect of my life. What I have seen from him each day has led me to trust him. He has so much to offer me and the world. There is so much he wants to do and can accomplish and has the work ethic to get it done, but at times he is held back because of his record. I hope that you will see the man he has found within himself and decide accordingly. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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M.Acc. Executive Director Foundation cell

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 Principles of Ecology

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 1008
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COMPREHENSIVE MENTORING SERVICES

DOWNTOWN EDUCATION CENTER Preschool & Infant Care Arts Mentoring

President/CEO

July 6, 2023

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of

with his transformation, but that in reality, the change in him had already started, prior to coming to

enrolled at **the second second**

was fully aware that his sobriety had to be a daily focus in order to achieve all his other goals which included stable housing, employment, higher education and being present as a father.

Throughout his mentoring commitment, **Determined** chipped away at his goals. **The set of the set of**

In February 2021, **General** started his career at Ministries and a few months later started at **General**

for the Drug and Alcohol Counseling Program through the Extended University. Was very consistent in goal planning and setting new goals with the support of his mentor and other positive people he gravitated towards.

took responsibility of his past and the consequences that came enrolled in his court ordered courses to meet with his decisions. his requirements and worked towards obtaining a CDL by paying off financial obligations. prepared himself to take the necessary steps so that he could legally drive himself to and from school and work. During his time at was able to achieve the goals he set forth to achieve and created long lasting relationships with continues to strive and pave his way towards new mentoring staff. goals and embraces every opportunity to give back what was freely given is a positive role model and inspires others simply by to him. is now able to be the father and son he was created being himself. to be. It was honor working alongside and we look forward to the working with him as a colleague in social services.

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

Sincerely,

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of



July 5, 2023

RE:

Your Honor:

I have known for the last two years. During that time, the has served in a number of roles with (1990). In every capacity, the has shown himself to be honest, hardworking, reliable, and most importantly, willing to grow and learn, both as an employee of and as man.

It has been an honor to get to know and to see how his life has been changed. I consider him more than just a colleague, but a friend.

I know that **General** has had legal problems in the past; however, that does not change how I view him. I completely trust him as he has been fully transparent with me and others about his former struggles. I know that given the chance, **General** will continue to make the best of his second chance.

Sincerely,

Executive Director



July 05, 2023

Dear Your Honor:

I have known for over 2 dozen years. We went to high school together in the school together and, over the past 3 years, I have reconnected with the during our mutual work within the school community. I know to be a kind, honest, and giving person and he is a valued member of our community.

is a valued part of our town because he raises money, volunteers selflessly, mentors others, and provides leadership in our non-profit community. **Interview** is trustworthy and he is also a good friend.

I know that **a shad legal problems in the past.** However, **a shad legal problems in the past.** However, **b shad legal problems in the past.** How that given the opportunity, he will continue to make the best of his second chance.

I humbly ask for the Court's expungement of record so that he can fully realize the dreams and privileges that he has worked so hard to regain. If is living proof that people do change, and the expungement of his record will serve as inspiration for all who are looking to repay their debt to society and fully participate in the American Dream.

With sincere appreciation,



To whom this may concern,

My name is for about two and a half years. I first met (for about Department Supervisor for the Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault Department at for the Human Trafficking for about was working as a Street Outreach Coordinator Lead for for Ministries.

I remember when I met **General** for the first time, hebrought in a client who was in dire need of assistance, and he advocated for the client and collaborated with our agency to provide the client with different services. I knew at that time he was a great advocate and cared about the people he was helping.

As time passed, we created not only a partnership but afriendship as well. If you get the chance to meet **and a** you will see that **a second a** is an exceptional person who is genuinely committed to the community and is always looking for ways to support the people around him. I know him to be trustworthy, reliable, and easy-going. He serves as a Board Member for the **a second a second a**

I know where the has gone through many challenging situations, but he has a nurturing personality and has supported me through some personal difficult times. If the source of the sourc

Sincerely,





LETTER OF SUPPORT

I firmly believe that a person's past should not define their future. In **case**, his criminal record does not accurately reflect the person he has become. As a clinical social worker, we understand how behaviors are learned through environment and can be unlearned by inserting oneself in a new environment. He has actively sought opportunities for personal growth, participated in rehabilitation programs, and made positive contributions to his community. It is clear to me that

has taken significant steps towards self-improvement and has embraced a new path filled with promise and potential.

Expunging criminal record would be a pivotal step in his journey towards a fresh start. It would provide him with the opportunity to fully reintegrate into society, secure gainful employment, and contribute positively to his community. By granting this request, we would not only be supporting an individual's quest for redemption but also affirming the belief in the power of rehabilitation and the capacity for personal transformation.

I wholeheartedly recommend case for careful consideration, and I kindly request that you give due attention to his application. Granting his request for expungement would not only serve his individual interests but also align with the principles of fairness and justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am confident that **will** continue to make significant contributions to society, and I am grateful for the opportunity to support him in his pursuit of a brighter future.

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Respectfully,



e Clinical Social Worker



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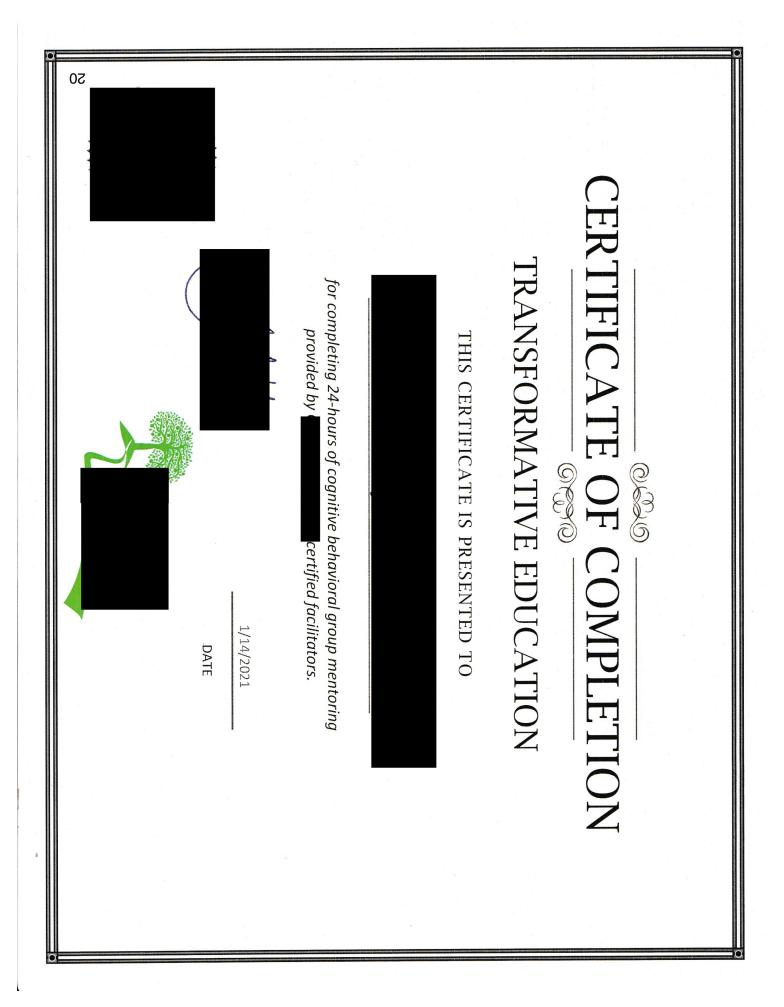
Drug & Alcohol Studies

Certificate Program

The bearer of this certificate completed 315 classroom education hours and 255 supervised hours in the field of substance abuse.







CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION **EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES**



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16-hours of employment preparation group mentoring provided by Garden Pathways certified facilitators.

