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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association we are extremely pleased to endorse Dick Barbar to the Carmichael Community Council for District 6. The Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association was established in 1984. For the past twenty-one years, members of the Association have had numerous opportunities to work with Dick on a whole host of issues. Dick consistently brings to each project a depth of personal knowledge and experience that greatly benefits the community. Furthermore, Dick demonstrates an ability to work with people holding very disparate views by listening to each side and finding common solutions. Dick has the respect of the business community, developers, public agencies and neighborhoods.

Several years ago when the County Department of Health and Human Services was planning to construct an office in the northeastern part of Sacramento County there was significant opposition by various groups to placing the facility in Carmichael. By working with the County, Dick was able to facilitate a number of meetings aimed at educating members of the community with regards to the type of services provided and by demonstrating that the clientele served by the proposed office lived and worked in Carmichael. As a result, the community became aware of the need to serve all of its residents. Moreover, Dick was also able to move the County toward analyzing more thoroughly the available locations in relation to the public served. As a consequence of that analysis, the County selected and developed the new facility at the site of the former Coral Reef Hotel, an outcome that can only be measured a success by all of those involved.

Dick is extremely knowledgeable regarding land-use, parks, transportation and other quality of life issues that are of great importance to the community. As a member of the Carmichael Recreation and Parks Board, Dick was instrumental in facilitating a strategic plan for Sutter Park, a neighborhood park within the boundaries of the Association. The strategic plan paved the way for the neighbors of the park, along with other Carmichael residents, to develop a very successful community garden. Dick has also played an important role by serving as the chair for the Carmichael Community Planning Coordinating Committee. Dick was instrumental in ensuring that the community at large played a significant role in the development of a new Carmichael Community Plan.

The Association can think of no one better to represent our area on the Carmichael Community Council and we encourage that he be selected for the seat.

Sincerely,

Eddie Hard
President