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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of reference for Mr. Robert Kaplinsky at his request. To give some credence to my remarks, I am presently in my 4<sup>th</sup> year serving as the Director of the San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project, in a career that has spanned over 15 years in education. During these years I have worked directly with a wide variety of professional learning models and presenters.

Robert recently joined us for our annual Winter Leadership Retreat. The retreat is designed to provide support for mathematics educational leaders in the San Joaquin Valley region. Without exception, Robert is an excellent presenter. His obvious preparation prior to the event illustrates his commitment to his craft. His preparation resulted in a more meaningful and effective retreat; one in which I feel certain will be a direct benefit at the student level. As a result of his commitment, the evaluation data gathered from the event were consistently high in praise of Robert's special effort.

I had previously only met Robert briefly at other statewide events. Having Robert join us over a period of two days allowed me to capture a small slice of his personal qualities. Robert came across as personable, intelligent, well informed, polite, conscientious, punctual, organized, friendly, and neat in appearance. He demonstrated masterful engagement at the event, and the participants mutually respected him.

In summary, I feel Robert Kaplinsky is a valuable resource in mathematics education, and one that I would feel confident recommending for future work. Please contact me if you would like to discuss details regarding my earnest assessment of Robert's work.

Sincerely,

Mike Chamberlain  
Director  
San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project