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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

John M. Nolan, Esquire  
Chair, Membership Selection Committee  
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers  
220 N. Market Street, Suite 100  
Frederick, MD 21701

Re: Evan Blau, New York, New York

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with pleasure that I second the nomination of Evan Blau for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Lisa Lim.

I have known Evan Blau since 2019, and I have worked closely with him on a number of transactions on which he was opposing counsel. In each of those transactions, Evan displayed a high degree of technical skill, professionalism, and congeniality. All parties involved in those deals, including my client, were impressed by Evan.

Evan has a particular expertise in representing affordable housing lenders like Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and he also worked for several years at the New York City Housing Authority. I think the College would greatly benefit by having someone with Evan's skillset as a member.

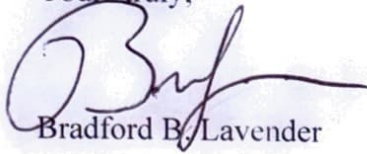
In short, Evan has all the skills and attributes that would make him a strong and productive member of ACREL.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Lisa Lim and certify that Evan Blau satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection.

In my opinion and to my knowledge, the Nominee satisfies ACREL's Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies the standards of professional integrity and civility as provided in the Guidelines. I am not (a) in the same firm, business entity, faculty or other organization as the Nominee, (b) related by birth or marriage to the Nominee, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither the nominee nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and I have no business relationship with Evan.

For all the foregoing reasons, I second the nomination of Evan Blau for membership in the College.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bradford B. Lavender

cc: Lisa Lim, Esq.