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

Re: Seconding Letter – Nomination of Evan Blau

Dear Mr. Nolan:

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

I got to know Evan over the last many years while we were both building our real estate finance practices. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Evan over the last three years while we have both been serving on the Freddie Mac Multifamily Legal Advisory Council and the Fannie Mae DUS Legal Advisory Council. Evan has established himself as a leader in affordable housing finance. He is well versed in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax Exempt Bonds, Section 8 and Housing Assistance Payments Contracts, and a variety of federal and state affordable housing and community development programs. His experience with the New York City Housing Authority and having grown his practice in New York has allowed Evan to establish the reputation as the go-to New York affordable housing attorney. He is well respected by clients, contemporaries and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Evan has lectured and published extensively on affordable housing and real estate finance generally.

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.

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Evan will contribute to ACREL in the same professional manner as he has contributed to the agency finance and affordable housing industries and the profession generally. He will be a welcome asset and addition to the College.

Yours truly,

  
Anna A. Mahaney  
ACREL Member

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cc: Lisa Lim