

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

## MEMBER SELECTION

October 29, 2024

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: Domingo Cruz

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I am pleased to second the nomination of Domingo Cruz for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Sean Dennison.

I met Domingo in 2019, when he was representing Toll Brothers as their in-house counsel on a development joint venture with one of my clients. I negotiated the joint venture agreement opposite Domingo and his outside counsel and worked with them to address our diligence questions on the real estate and the ongoing construction project, as well as negotiating the joint venture agreement and related documents. I had the chance to work with Domingo again on another joint venture project with the same clients before he went to Pacific Life. Those joint venture negotiations were intensive and spanned 4-5 months each and provided the opportunity to experience the high quality of Domingo's lawyering as well as his courtesy and professionalism.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Sean Dennison and certify that Domingo 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/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer.

Yours truly, Cecilia Gordon J. Gordon

Sean Dennison

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