

October 21, 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

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Domingo Cruz for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Sean Dennison.

I have known Domingo for approximately seven years. When he was employed as an in-house attorney by Northwestern Mutual, we worked together on the acquisition of property that was to be developed as a new multi-family project. I found Domingo to be extremely knowledgeable about commercial real estate issues, a deft negotiator and just an all-around great guy. Domingo has always been interested in his community and has worked for pro bono legal service organizations such as Centro Legal, as well as volunteering his time and talents for future Olympic boxers. Finally, his lived experiences as a Hispanic attorney will add to the diversity of perspectives in ACREL's membership. I have no doubt that Domingo is qualified to be selected as an ACREL fellow.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Mr. Dennison and certify that Domingo Cruz 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. Except as disclosed below, neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows: As noted above, I worked with Mr. Cruz several years ago when he was employed by Northwestern Mutual, which had hired my firm in connection with a land sale transaction. Neither my firm nor I are currently employed by Mr. Cruz or his current employer.

Yours truly,



Susan Matejcek
ACREL Member

cc: Sean Dennison