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## PERSONAL MATTER

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## David S. Fitzhenry

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I hereby nominate David S. Fitzhenry for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

I have worked with David on several occasions over the years for mutual clients, and I have consistently found him to be pleasant, persuasive and level-headed. If the membership approves David's candidacy, I am confident that he will participate actively in ACREL and will make helpful contributions over the years.

I met David initially by reason of David's being a partner of Matt Leeds at Ganfer, Shore, Leeds & Zauderer LLP. I have worked with Matt from time to time over the past 35 years, so when Matt introduced me to David 10 years or so ago, I assumed that Matt had confidence in David's substantive knowledge and in David's counseling ability. David has met my expectations fully.

I have worked on several occasions with David as counsel on condominium matters, usually relatively complicated scenarios where we are structuring transactions in a commercial context using the statutory condominium regime in New York. I have also worked with David in contentious scenarios for mutual clients where a condominium structure is involved. In each case, David surpassed my expectations and did a terrific job as co-counsel for me and for the client.

I have included with this letter (i) the Proposal for Membership, which I have completed, (ii) David's resume in ACREL's required format, (iii) some examples of David's written materials, and (iv) seconding letters from some other colleagues here in New York.

Many thanks for considering David Fitzhenry for membership in ACREL. I believe that he will be a terrific member.

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Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald D. Sernau