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VIA E-MAIL

John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
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Re: Nomination of Michael Udell

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Michael Udell for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Nancy Scull.

I have known Michael for over 20 years – his wife is a friend from high school, and over the years Michael and I have gotten to know each other and become good friends. Over that time, I have had the opportunity to follow Michael's professional development – from his time as an associate at the highly-regarded boutique Brown, Winfield & Canzoneri, to becoming a partner at McKenna Long, to opening his own boutique real estate firm, Udell Wang, LLP. As a peer in the legal community, we also routinely run into each other at professional events and real estate conferences.

Although our practices overlap (both he and I have substantial acquisition/disposition and leasing practices), I have not had the opportunity to work with, or opposite, Michael on any deals. That said, some of my former partners – who themselves are highly qualified real estate practitioners that I respect – have had the opportunity to work opposite Michael, particularly on various retail leasing matters. Without fail, the unsolicited feedback I have received from those partners about the quality of Michael's work, and his practical and mild-mannered approach to practicing, has been of the highest order. Michael is very well-regarded in the Los Angeles real estate legal community, and is establishing himself as an upcoming leader in our ranks.

Michael's "give back" is exemplified by his involvement both with charitable organizations as well as with his local community. Michael was one of the co-founders of the Men's Guild that supports the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. In fact, it was through Michael that I became involved with that organization, which over the last decade has raised over \$1,000,000 for CHLA. Michael is also very actively involved in youth sports – whether as a coach to his children's softball, baseball and basketball teams, or in administrative positions with the youth organizations or schools themselves.

Additionally, over the past several years, Michael has been a frequent speaker on various panels for real estate organizations – including ICSC, USC's Real Estate Law and Business Forum and Bisnow. These further exemplify Michael's commitment to thought leadership, a trend that Michael has mentioned he intends to continue to pursue.

In my conversations with Michael about ACREL, he has shown no hesitation in his enthusiasm to join and, indeed, is eager to contribute to the continued advancement of the organization. I have no doubt that he will do just that if elected to join.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Nancy and certify that Michael 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.

Sincerely,

Peter Breckheimer

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of O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP

cc: Nancy Scull, Esq. (via Email)