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Letter of Recommendation for Ingrid V. Wells
RE: Current Faculty Opening

It is my sincere pleasure to recommend Ingrid V. Wells for the current faculty opening. As the Manger of Public Education at the San Francisco Art Institute, I have directly supervised Ingrid in her role as a Visiting Faculty member teaching painting courses in our adult non-credit Public Education program. I have been able to watch Ingrid share her warm personality, deep technical understanding, and clear approach to painting through teaching.

Ingrid is passionate and engaged, and this extends into her pursuit of ambitious, thought-provoking, and incredibly creative art projects. I am grateful that I have had the chance to work with her, and know that she will be a strong contributor within any teaching program.

Ingrid is extremely organized, prepared, and dedicated to her classes—frequently individualizing assignments to meet the needs of her students, while keeping the classroom environment supportive and productive. She pushes students to take on finished and meaningful pieces, even in introductory classes. Ingrid cares tremendously about her effectiveness as a teacher and about her impact on the community. She's the kind of teacher that shows up to every meeting prepared and helps other teachers rise to the occasion. She's not afraid to ask questions or to work hard in order to offer a positive and meaningful experience for her students.

In course evaluations, students offer praise of Ingrid's approach stating, "I would rate Ingrid's class [as] excellent. It was an ambitious schedule in terms of expected projects to complete, but she managed it well and strongly supported the student's efforts." Another student noted, "I thought the class was excellent! The projects were challenging, yet I was able to complete them in the time allowed. I learned so much! The hands-on demonstrations were the key to how successful I feel about this class." One student wrote to me mid-way through the semester to offer, "I know it's way before evaluation time, but I just have to let you know that Ingrid is by far one of the best instructors I've had at SFAI or anywhere else for that matter. She's excellent at framing her instructions so everybody understands. She's just so good [and] she has so much to teach. So much. I'm hoping she will teach this course again. If she does I'll take it again even if she has the exact same syllabus and projects. She's that good. She just makes you want more. She's also very kind and structured. I am so happy with this class—I don't think I've ever had such a dynamo art instructor. Thank you for offering this course."

I know that Ingrid's commitment to supporting the development and artistic voice for all artists, as well as her strong technical and conceptual approach to painting will make her a strong addition to your faculty team. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at 415.351.3538 or at itejada@sfai.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ileana Tejada', is written over a horizontal line.

Ileana Tejada
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