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To whom it may concern:

This is a letter of support for David Casuto as a teacher of technology.

I have known Casuto for five years as a technology instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at San Francisco State University and at the University of California, Berkeley, where he has taught a variety of computer skills courses as well as a digital storytelling workshop called, Telling Your Stories Using Technology. The courses have varied in length from 6 to 8 weeks, 2 hours a week.

The best, direct accolades I could provide Casuto come from his consistently superior student evaluations as an instructor:

“His courses are extremely well organized and provide unbelievable support in terms of online tutorials and his personal availability. Dave is clear, always encouraging, often funny. I have taught and trained teachers for many years, and believe me, he is gold.”

“He has patience and good humor to deal with a class of vast difference in computer knowledge.”

“I wanted to thank you for the wonderful class on digital storytelling. I have been wanting to do this for a long time and your class went way beyond my expectations. I now have the tools necessary to continue. I was an educator for forty years and as you can imagine I have seen many, many teachers. I can honestly say that he is a gifted teacher and here are the top ten reasons why:

1. Great sense of humor
2. Enthusiastic
3. Encouraging
4. Made everyone welcome by learning and greeting us by our first names
5. Class is hands-on and interactive with peers
6. Extremely well-organized with expected timelines
7. Provide one on one support outside of class
8. Fantastic resources
9. Highly skilled and knowledgeable
10. (the digital storytelling) projects themselves

As I hope these comments convey, Casuto is a talented instructor who gives generously in the classroom and believes profoundly in what he is teaching.

Any classroom would be lucky to have him. There is no doubt that he would make an equally responsive colleague who could build and develop the offerings at City College.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Hoffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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