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April 12, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure we recommend Clayton King for any position in your organization.

We had the opportunity to work with Mr. King for several years while he was employed at The Continuum Company in Austin, Texas. During that time, he was responsible for – among many things – the production and execution of the Continuum Systems Users Group Association international conference which was attended by over 1,000 customer attendees from around the world, as well as a concurrent Executive Briefing session held for C-level attendees from the top insurance companies worldwide. Our company, Tramex Travel, served as the travel agency of record for the conference and handled hotel contract negotiations as well as onsite support during the event. The conference was challenging and difficult to organize as the agenda included more than 18 concurrent sessions in six timeslots throughout the day. Tramex also orchestrated housing and travel for conference attendees, and thus worked very closely with Mr. King and his team. His mastery, expertise and professionalism made dealing with hundreds of moving parts and dozens of interested executives' personalities and demands a more streamlined and productive effort for everyone involved.

The Continuum Company was sold to a larger organization, and we had the opportunity to hire Mr. King as Tramex Travel's Director of Marketing. For the next decade, he was responsible for internal and external communications, as well as all marketing efforts. Because he was accustomed to wearing multiple hats, Mr. King was also heavily involved with software and hardware troubleshooting, as well as internal software training in Microsoft Office for our 64 employees. He shepherded our introduction to the Internet and all the changes it forced on the travel industry.

As part of the executive management team he became an invaluable councilor and right arm to us as owners. Mr. King was largely responsible for helping Tramex rebound and recover from serious challenges brought on by the Austin "DotCom" bust, 911 and a series of other challenges our company faced in the late 1990s and early 2000s. With his work and assistance during his tenure, Tramex was able to recover from \$14 million in lost business over that time period.

Mr. King's strengths are many, but we would have to put flexibility and creativity at the lead. His knowledge of creative tools such as Adobe's Creative Suite, Photoshop in particular, as well as Corel applications is legendary. He is an indefatigable team member willing to jump in and lend a hand wherever needed. He is intelligent, witty and gets along well with everyone on the team. He is a strong and patient negotiator, and we must say that we greatly appreciated his loyalty and friendship.

Should you care to discuss how Mr. King may fit into your organization, please feel free to contact us. Meanwhile, we strongly recommend him to you.

Sincerely,



Juan Portillo  
Past President



Margo Portillo  
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To Whom It May Concern:

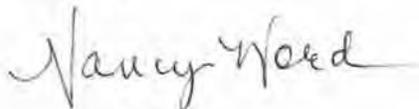
Clayton King worked for me when I was Vice President of Marketing at Computer Sciences Corporation. Clayton excelled in his creativity in all aspects of his work whether he was managing creative teams or was an individual performer. He was the best on my staff in utilizing many design tools such as Adobe Creative Suite and Photoshop.

Clayton also managed events for me. He utilized his creative skills to assist our product suite teams in displaying their latest software demos while keeping the overall theme of the conference in mind which tied all creative material together. This required a great amount of negotiating skills to allow our product lines to keep individual themes yet still complement the overall messaging of the conference.

I feel confident in recommending Clayton's graphic design and management services. He was extremely productive and very good at attention to detail. I would not hesitate to hire him again should I need someone with his skills.

If you would like additional information about Clayton, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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September 13, 2016

Dear Perspective Employer,

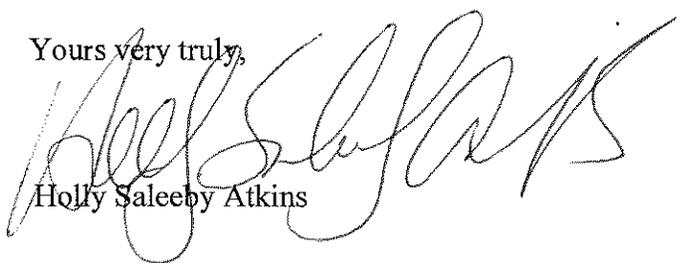
I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Clayton P. King. I am a long-time resident of Columbia, South Carolina and I am a practicing attorney in good standing. I have worked with large law firms, state government, and now am a sole practitioner. Because I have held positions responsible for hiring employees and managing a large staff, I am familiar with the struggles to find qualified, competent, and motivated people.

I have known Clayton for approximately six years and observe him regularly in many different settings. My first encounter with Clayton was as his customer at his retail gallery, Artizan. I was not only impressed with his business, but also with him as a person. Everyone that entered the store was treated with respect and kindness; after only a few visits, I felt I had known him for many years. He then encouraged me to become active in several organizations in which we share a mutual interest. Before I knew it, we were together quite often pursuing common goals in the Arts and the local community.

I have observed Clayton to be organized, self-motivated and persistent in achieving stated goals. I would trust him unconditionally with any job that required diligence hard-work and talent. I believe Clayton would be a tremendous asset to any organization seeking an employee with leadership skills, intelligence and compassion.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

  
Holly Saleeby Atkins

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7 September 2016

Dear Prospective Employer,

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of **Mr. Clayton P. King**. Please allow me to introduce myself and my background that allows me to comment on this candidate. I am a Licensed Psychologist and a Full Time Instructor in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina. I was previously the Director of Training of the American Psychological Association Accredited Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship Program and a Chief Psychologist on the staff of the Counseling and Human Development Center (CHDC) and participated in numerous recruiting efforts and hiring decisions. Aside from my current university position, I also served 11 years on the Board of Examiners for Psychologists in South Carolina, am a member of both the South Carolina Psychological Association and the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, and have been in Private Practice since 1996. As a counseling psychologist, I am trained in vocational counseling in addition to traditional psychotherapy and assessment of individuals.

I have known Clayton King very well for over 5 years and we have contact on a weekly basis. Additionally, I have known him in a variety of contexts: as a friend, business owner, advocate and activist, benefactor to the arts, organizer of benefits, community leader, book editor, guest speaker in my classes, IT expert and consultant, handyman, artist, singer, musician, and actor. I never cease to be amazed at the things he is capable of accomplishing. Clayton is the quintessential Renaissance man. A perusal of his resume reflects his many talents and abilities and the wide variety of settings in which he has been successful.

I believe Clayton King's strengths are his initiative, resourcefulness, persistence, organizational abilities, and attention to detail. In short, he is the person you want to hand a problem to because he will find a parsimonious and creative solution. Clayton is always even-tempered, clear thinking, diplomatic, personable, and well-spoken. I have never known Clayton to not be calm, thoughtful, and kind in his handling of even the most difficult situations or people. I have never seen him react impulsively or unrestrained. He is the person you want on your side because you know he will be loyal and a team player. Finally, even when you disagree with him, Clayton is always fair and reasonable—he will listen to your side carefully and let you know when your points have swayed him.

Because of the work I do, I tend to hang out with very bright, psychologically-sophisticated individuals. Clayton holds his own with the very brightest minds I know. His natural curiosity makes him likeable and interested in many things. I just like how he thinks and will often consult him with something that is puzzling me and I can count on Clayton to give me something to think about afterwards.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to Clayton King's application and offer him an interview; I can assure you that you will not regret your time spent with him. Clayton King will make an excellent employee who is capable of any task put in front of him. In short, **I highly recommend Clayton P. King without reservation.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information.

Respectfully,

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August 26, 2016

Subject: Clayton P. King

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working and interacting with Clayton P. King in a variety of settings over the past several years on boards and committees for various nonprofits and volunteer organizations, as well as observing him in his business. In every capacity, he demonstrates all of the qualities I value most in an employee. He is very organized, dependable, timely and extremely creative. He has a firm, but gentle manner, in bringing out the best in his coworkers. He has a talent for listening to all sides of an argument and an amazing ability to understand where folks in conflict are coming from and leading them to a "win-win" solution to a problem. He encounters all who cross his path with dignity and respect, without regard to socio-economic status or other differences. He is equally at ease with a corporate executive and the panhandler who stops in his business looking for a handout, with no discernable difference in the way he treats them.

Clayton is a quick study and is positively challenged by new knowledge and experiences. He is thorough in analyzing a situation and very resourceful in problem solving. Clayton has a great sense of humor and affable demeanor that enables him to fit well into any situation and with all kinds of people.

In my humble opinion, as an organization you would be most fortunate to employ Clayton P. King.

Sincerely,

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Julia Prater

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1 September, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Clayton P. King

I have been asked to provide an employment reference for Clayton King and I am honored to comply.

My primary work association with Clayton has been through special events for non-profits and shared responsibilities on civic boards. I have found him to be committed, focused and valuable in all endeavors. His organizational and marketing skills have been invaluable in these ventures as has been his passionate devotion to improving the community in which we live. At all times I have found him to be reliable, punctual, and creative in his approach to the issues. He has been a proven leader and has been inspiring to those with whom he has associated.

My initial interactions with Clayton were in his retail business in which I have been most impressed with the customer service delivered, as well as with the level of communication with the customer base and the quality of the marketing products.

I feel that Clayton would be a tremendous asset to any organization seeking someone with advanced marketing and leadership skills with a proven track record for producing quality outcomes from his participation.

Should you need any further information which I may provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mims Cave Rust