

From: Kelsey Oldershaw [REDACTED]
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To: Voters First Act
Subject: Gina Simas

To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter on behalf of Gina Simas in reference to your decision as to whom to appoint to California's Redistricting Board.

My name is Kelsey Oldershaw. I am the owner of a donation-based yoga studio on the 3rd St. Promenade, called Yogaco. We are a green yoga studio that focuses on non-profit fundraisers and environmentally friendly causes, in addition to working on the donation theory of a business model. (See link below). I know Gina originally as a student from the studio. She is an avid yoga practitioner.

In getting to know her and learning about her career, it has become apparent that she also practices yoga in all facets of her everyday life; and has thereby become a friend, and someone I look to for advice and counseling on studio matters as well. She has a keen sense of appreciating and valuing our diverse community of students, and has become one of the most welcoming and well-known faces (and gracious presence) at our studio. She engages in conversations with everyone, supporting and attending the classes of every one of our valued 25 teachers, who come from all religions, cultures and philosophies. In that sense, she is a rare bird, and therefore a huge asset to us as a young business.

In addition, on a personal note, I have learned of her ability to be of value as more than just a friend and student. My business partner is my ex-husband, Grant. Through the navigation of the divorce process, whilst still trying to operate a thriving business together, Gina has been a God send. She has been a very impartial and intelligent intermediary of sorts, who has been essential in helping us keep things professional, so that we can remain solid business partners.

In short, she has been the best source of legal and professional advice I could have dreamed if (and she's free!!:)

I sincerely hope you consider her for part of your very special and necessary assemblage of leaders.
We need more people like her for advocates.

Warmest Regards,
Kelsey Oldershaw

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