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March 4, 2011

San Bernardino Community College District
C/o Ms. Tommi Lee, HR Generalist
114 S. Del Rosa Dr.
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Dear Ms. Lee,

I would like to nominate Jeremiah Gilbert, Faculty Chair of Mathematics, for the Outstanding Service Award. As a fellow colleague, I have observed the tireless efforts and commitment that Jeremiah has displayed to service our students, staff, faculty and the San Bernardino Community.

Jeremiah's history with Valley College extends back to the late eighties. Then an SBVC student, he was employed by the Disabled Students Program, where he tutored chemistry, English, mathematics, and philosophy on an appointment basis. After completing a bachelor's degree at CSUSB and a master's degree at UCR, he returned to Valley College in 1998 as an adjunct mathematics instructor. While serving as an adjunct, he helped select the textbooks used for Plane Geometry (MATH 093) and Ideas of Mathematics (MATH 115) along with creating homework lists for both classes used by all faculty. He also mentored other adjuncts teaching Arithmetic (MATH 942) and Prealgebra (MATH 952).

In 2005, Jeremiah was hired as a full-time mathematics instructor. While his committee requirement had not yet started, he served on a construction sub-committee that developed the plans for the new building replacing the Chemistry and Physical Sciences buildings. In 2006, he was voted in as faculty chair. Since becoming chair, he has ensured that the library has reference copies of all of the books used by the department and also gives copies of texts and solutions manuals to the Math and Science Student Success Center and The Tutorial Center. When developing schedules, he works with the chairs of biology, chemistry, and physics to ensure schedules are developed that do not block any students from taking courses in these disciplines. He also works with the chairs of English and reading on student assessment and basic skills issues.

Jeremiah regularly represents his department and college by presenting at conferences. In 2009 and 2010, he presented at the Mathematical Association of America's Fall Southern California-Nevada Section meetings. On March 5, 2011 Jeremiah made a presentation at the California Mathematics Council Community Colleges South Spring Conference, the first time a faculty member from Valley College has presented at CMC³. He frequently attends conferences on both basic skills and improving outcomes in college-level courses and shares what he learns with his department and campus.

In order to further his understanding as an educator, Jeremiah completed his Ph.D. in Education from Capella University in 2010. The same year he was nominated to the Academic Senate, where he serves on Basic Skills and Ed Policy Ad Hoc committees. He also serves as a Lead Faculty Adviser for the Math and Science Student Success Center, where he provides mentoring and assistance to tutors and

facilitators. Considering all of Jeremiah's contributions to the Valley community, I believe that Jeremiah deserves bestowment of the Outstanding Service Award.

Sincerely,

Stephanie K. Lewis-Briggs, Ph.D.