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To Whom It May Concern:

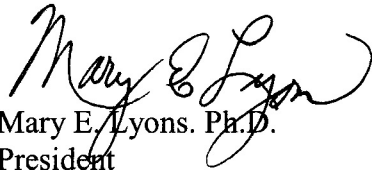
It is with confidence and pleasure that I recommend Jonathan B. Maher to you as a graduate of the University of San Diego. He has been a wonderful addition to our campus community. During his time here, Jon demonstrated exceptional character, as well as leadership and maturity well beyond his years.

Jon had joined Sigma Chi as a freshman, and assumed various leadership positions over the course of his membership. Jon embraced the role of chapter leader when the group had been put up for judiciary review. Working directly with our executive administration, Jon diligently created constructive dialogue between Sigma Chi and the administration. His ability to communicate his concerns and develop creative solutions allowed for an amicable resolution for all parties. Jon's courage in approaching the University's administration and the maturity and foresight in his conduct was admirable and highly regarded.

Jon's leadership and initiative have also led to a great deal of improvement in our University's visibility through the internet. It was Jon who brought to my attention that USD was not listed on Google with other San Diego universities. By working with a team of administrators and staff at the University, Jon took the initiative, as a student, to make USD visible on Google. Today, thanks to Jon's leadership, the University of San Diego is now listed on the first page Google with the other San Diego universities.

Jon exemplifies the university's commitment to being a values based institution. I have no doubt that he will succeed in any future pursuit that he chooses. It is with great pride that I recommend Jon to your organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss his qualifications further. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Lyons, Ph.D.
President