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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Patrice Ventresca for about 20 years, initially as a neighbor but over time as a good friend. Whereas I never had occasion to attend one of her catering events, dinner invitations from her have always been a treat. She is an exquisite and creative chef, no matter whether for a large or small party. However, let me focus on her personality characteristics, as this is supposed to be a character reference. She is outgoing, friendly, and warm-hearted, with an almost uncanny ability to make guests feel comfortable and personally attended to. Most of all, she is honest, sincere, trustworthy and giving. These traits have added tremendous value to our friendship. When it comes to cooking and feeding others, Patrice shines especially brightly. I am often reminded of the movie *Babette's Feast*, mainly by the love that she puts into her culinary creations. I have also witnessed her caring devotion to her children, to whom, by the way, she has succeeded in spreading her passion for cooking.

Sincerely,

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