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To Whom it May Concern,

I am delighted to recommend **Maryann Thompson** with my highest enthusiasm.

I have worked with Maryann on three projects. She was the architect for: (i) my own family home in Cambridge, (ii) the expanded offices at the Whitehead/MIT Center for Genome Research and (iii) schematic design and design development for the new Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, a 230,000 sq ft building in Kendall Square.

Maryann is both extraordinarily creative and easy to work with. She is innovative and inspired in how she thinks about space, light, materials, forms and relationships. At the same time, she has the ability (unusual ability for someone of her talent) to work collaboratively with her client. The breadth of discussion with her is always exciting and evocative, with a generous back and forth. She takes her client's ideas and elaborates them, heightens them and makes them beautiful and inspiring. She works wonderfully with client groups of many sizes, from the one-on-one relationship to the building of consensus within a large community. Her staff is equally talented and a pleasure to work with. Finally (and importantly), her projects have come in on budget and on schedule.

I could not be more enthusiastic about working with Maryann. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,


Eric Lander
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Professor of Biology, MIT
Professor of Systems Biology, Harvard Medical School
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