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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for Pascal Bokar for his tremendous accomplishments in Arts & Culture. On August 11, 2021, we were blessed to have Pascal and his 11pc band educate and entertain us with an informative lecture and energetic performance.

West Valley Arts Council is a 52-year-old arts and & culture Non-Profit who connects the 13 municipalities and cities in the West Valley of the Phoenix Metro Area with Arts & Culture events and programs. We strive to provide engaging and diverse events that educate, engage, and uplift the community, and Pascal fit that objective perfectly.

Pascal and his band gave us the opportunity to raise funds from his performance (much needed for arts & culture organizations during this pandemic), and he allowed us to expand our reach in the community and develop a new relationship with Ottawa University Arizona, with his musical event. It is truly amazing how music builds new bridges of connectivity!

Pascal and his team provided all of the tools needed to setup the event, communicate the event, support the event and helped to make the event one to remember. He was the consummate professional in all aspects of engagement. It is important that we (cultural organizations) have these opportunities to educate and engage our communities with diverse cultural events, and I am appreciative to all grantors who provide funding to support these opportunities. WE NEED THEM.

I also learned a great deal from Pascal's presentation about music and its roots in African and American culture, and we received a great deal of positive feedback from those in attendance. They are asking when Pascal is coming back because they would love to bring their friends, children, and others to the event.

As a National Endowment of the Arts grantee, I do not underestimate or take for granted the power of the Arts and its ability to educate, engage, uplift, improve mental health and overall well-being. We need the arts, and we need artists like Pascal Bokar who understands the importance of these opportunities and actively engages and supports them.

I thank Pascal Bokar for sharing his gift and knowledge of music, and I fully support and recommend his arts & culture endeavors. I hope to have the opportunity to work with him again in the very near future.

With Sincere Appreciation,