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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Richard Gobble to you. I have known Richard for over twenty years. He was my Pastor at Christ's Fellowship Church in Kent, WA. from 1987 to 2001. I was on the Elder team from the fall of 1993 to April of 2001.

Richard started the church from home groups. The first official Sunday service was in March of 1986. He continued as Senior Pastor at Christ's Fellowship Church until April of 2001. Richard has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and sensitivity to the needs of his staff, leadership team, and the members of the church. He took the church from home groups to two full services in a school gymnasium in a few short years. He provided excellent leadership planting and growing the church.

Richard was also instrumental in facilitating and leading monthly interdenominational pastor's prayer and support meetings in South King County. That was unheard of at that time and resulted in strengthening relationships between pastors and created goodwill and joint activities between many churches. Richard also worked with several pastors and leaders throughout the NW to facilitate regional prayer meetings and equipping seminars. Richard wasn't afraid to think outside of the box long before the idea was popular. We were always on the cutting edge of worship, prayer, training, and equipping our members.

He is not a type A personality but he is definitely a leader rather than a follower with the ability to work with a variety of people and circumstances. Our church had its share of difficulties, troubled marriages, challenging personalities, etc. I have seen Richard tested on many fronts; he has done well in my book every time. His greatest strength has always been prayer. He is careful to seek the Father's heart which results in sound decisions and good actions. Richard is a pastor's pastor. His good judgment and mature outlook ensure a logical and practical approach to his endeavors. He will be an asset to any organization, and I am happy to give him my wholehearted endorsement. If you would like additional information about Richard, you can telephone me at (253) 951-4632.

Sincerely,

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