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To whom it may concern:

I grew up in the City of Pomona. My mother worked for the city of Pomona for over 20 years. As a youth, I was able to participate in the city's summer work programs, work for the city recreation department, as well as was chosen to receive a small performing/cultural arts scholarship. This award helped pay for part of my tuition at the University I attended the following quarter. So as you see, Pomona has played and continues to play an extremely important role in my life. My goal has always been to return to Pomona, so that maybe one day I can give back to the city that has helped me. I just needed a little more help to achieve this.

Finding a home in Pomona that I could afford had been a task in itself. It is a great city. It is the last city in LA County yet close to the mountains, beaches as well as the desert. You get the best of all worlds! So purchasing a home here had proved to be a most competitive task; a task that I was going to give up on until I found out about the City of Pomona's MAP program.

As soon as my real estate agent told me about the program, I called the City right away and contacted Ms Lilly Gonzales. From the moment Ms. Gonzales answered the phone till the time we ended our conversation, Ms Gonzales was kind, encouraging and full of helpful information about the program. Her enthusiasm encouraged me to stay faithful and continue the frustrating search to home ownership. Once I found a home, and my offer was accepted, I contacted Ms. Gonzales right away. She was just as excited as I was! Once all my information was submitted to the city, Ms. Gonzales made sure the process went by quickly. Being a first time home buyer can be a little overwhelming because there is loads of information to comprehend in a short manner of time. Because of this, Ms. Gonzales offered her assistance with any other questions I might have had while going through the home buying process.

In conclusion, I would just like to say that this is an awesome program. As a single woman, my goal of owning a home on my own was a dream. God has used the City of Pomona to bless me by turning my dream into a reality. Now I am able to live closer to my family as well as give back to the community that has helped me. Ms. Lilly Gonzales is a God send! Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ms. E. Johnson