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**Application Related Information**

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Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MPA	Program Name:	MPA

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**Recommendation Information**

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Recommended By:	Gilda Sheppard	Recommenders Title:	Film Maker/Faculty
Recommenders Institution:		Contact Name:	Kathleena Ly
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	01/23/2023 05:57 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108882235	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

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**Recommender Form Questions**

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How long have you known applicant:	4-5 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	Kathleena Ly distinguishes herself among her peers in academic and interpersonal skills
Time since last contact with applicant:	6 months	Applicant as productive member of group:	Ms. Ly is a collaborative leader who works in an outstanding manner across significant differences
Relationship with Applicant:	Faculty and academic advisor	Applicant most significant strengths:	Critical and creative thinking skills, intelligence, Communication, research, collaboration, problem solving, clarity, kind, work for justice and confidence
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Outstanding
Communication Skills - Oral:	Outstanding	Communication skills - written:	Outstanding
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Outstanding	Ability to think critically:	Outstanding
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Outstanding	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Outstanding
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Outstanding

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**Description Information**

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## **The Evergreen State College - Tacoma Campus**

Re: Kathleena Ly Recommendation

I have known Kathleena Ly as her Academic Advisor and faculty in several of my interdisciplinary sociology courses at The Evergreen State College, Tacoma Program. In the over 5 years I have known Ms. Ly she distinguishes herself among her peers in her academic work and in the leadership role she has played in our academic program ,and overall in our learning community

Throughout Kathleena's education she has had a passion and accomplished academic success in all areas of her academic program as well as in her career after graduation. Her critical thinking skills, problem solving, writing, oral communication, project management, articulation of idea and creative thinking skills have been exemplary. Kathleena works well across significant differences whether race, class, ethnicity, ideology, or sexuality. In addition, and coupled with her compassion for service to marginalized communities, Kathleena has discovered and investigated an integration of science, social sciences, and literary analysis in the study of public health from a policy, systemic and interpersonal spaces and lens giving Ms. Ly an uncanny ability to conduct rigorous qualitative and quantitative research in multiple areas. Ms. Ly is no flash in the pan she is a budding scholar who understands the importance of theory and

application in critical inquiry and in its translation in multiple spheres and contexts including neighborhoods, offices, with families, youth, adults in education and other such institutional cultural settings.

In one course in our program, she integrated mathematics with public health topics and conducted qualitative and quantitative research. She significantly enhanced her knowledge of fundamentals in public health through readings, quizzes, classroom discussions and science lab exercises. She successfully collaborated with students to creatively arrive at solutions to challenging problems. Her final presentation was a creative and impressive demonstration of interdisciplinary application of mathematics and public health.

Ms. Ly's collaborative research also included studies in environmental science, law and public policy, social psychology and urban planning. She has a remarkable ability to make connections through the sciences to construct and deconstruct pathways for the well-being of our society. Ms. Ly's history in athletics particularly volleyball, informs her healthy engagement with discipline, hard work, organization, collaboration and responsibility.

Kathleena is a very engaging writer, she articulates her ideas with clarity, confidence and in a manner that promotes hope and possibility. Ms. Ly's kindness is a leit motif that delights and endears her problem solving and collaborative leadership skills. She was voted to be our academic program's graduation coordinator in one of the best ceremonies and programs for our learning community.

I highly recommend Kathleena Ly to the Masters in Public Administration program she will be a graduate who will shine a light as a student and alum.

Sincerely,  
Gilda L. Sheppard, PhD