

To Members of the CAMFT Community:

I am writing you to express my support for Steven Caraco, one of the candidates for Board Member for the 2017-2019 Board Term. In considering this endorsement I reflect on Steven's character and leadership skills as well as his demonstrated commitment to furthering the interests of marriage and family therapists.

I served on the San Fernando Valley Chapter of CAMFT's Board of Directors with Steven for two years in 2014 and 2015. During this time, not only was I introduced to Steven, but he showed a loyalty to his duties, a professional work ethic, and a deft understanding of the personal natures of the board. During these two years, Steven proved himself time and again that he could be relied upon to make smart, independent judgments and a trustworthiness that could not be shaken. I most remember Steven's ability to respectfully question board discussions and ideas, even those of my own, that prompted a deeper ability for the board to achieve its goals.

My personal experience in working with Steven is that he can be trusted to represent CAMFT members, do his duties, and come in on time with his responsibilities. On more than one occasion, I have approached Steven about sharing office space because he is the type of kind, responsible person that will be steady and unwavering over the long-term. I trust him not only on a professional level, but a personal one as well. With no effort at all, he is the kind of person who can warm up everyone in the room with his honest, sincere approach.

My numerous commitments to CAMFT, whether at the chapter or state level have put me in touch with a number of members from all over the state. I'm thrilled that Steven is up for your consideration because I know that he can bring the type of sustained work ethic to the State Board that he has shown at the chapter level. His calm, steady approach may be quiet in volume, but it packs a solid approach to the guidance of our organization.

I hope that you will be joining with me in voting for Steven in this year's election. I wholeheartedly endorse him, and hope that you are able to see in him the same positives for our organization as I have been able to see. I am proud to have been able to work with him, and I very much look forward to the opportunity to do so again.

Sincerely,

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