

To Members of the CAMFT Prelicensed Community:

The CAMFT Nominating Committee recently revealed the slate of candidates for positions on the CAMFT Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 board year. One of the candidates for Prelicensed Member at Large is Laura Westmoreland. By this letter I wish to express my strong support for her election to the Board. In considering this endorsement I reflect on Laura's character and leadership skills as well as her demonstrated commitment to furthering the interests of marriage and family therapists.

Laura is among the most honest and hard-working individuals I have known. She is thoughtful, bright, and has always fought to make choices based on what is right, rather than what is popular. This is not easy to do, especially when she may be the only prelicensed voice at a given table.

With regard to her leadership skills, she has served the San Fernando Valley Chapter of CAMFT for the past two years as Vice President of Membership and will continue this year as the Chief Financial Officer. I had the pleasure of serving the past two years with her, and her addition to the board has returned high member participation in Chapter activities, and high marks in member satisfaction. Her leadership style is one of mutual respect and openness.

I have spent the past ten plus years working in agencies, developing a practice, and serving the CAMFT community at the local and state levels. Based on my experience, success comes from being able to rely on people who are able to be trusted to complete their work on time and to see the larger picture. Laura has been one of the keystones to the continued success of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of CAMFT

My experience with CAMFT has also given me insight into the qualities that lead to effective governance. I have been a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of CAMFT for approximately 10 years, serving as President, CFO, and as the head of numerous committees. At the state level I am currently serving as a Board Member at Large and have served as a member of the CAMFT PAC Committee.

I have seen CAMFT leadership go through great years and through difficult years. In the continued growth of our organization, not only as a whole but especially for our prelicensed community, we need people like Laura representing us and leading us into the future. I hope that you will vote for her.

Sincerely,

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