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RE: ASCE President-elect Nominee Endorsement Letter for K.N. Gunalan (Guna)

I have reviewed the election materials provided by the Nominees for the office of President-elect for a term commencing October 2018.

Please accept this letter as my 100% support and strong commitment for Guna to become the next President of ASCE. I have known Guna for over 10 years now, including working very close with him for a time at AECOM, and consider him essentially a perfect fit for the office of ASCE President for three (3) primary reasons.

- Professionalism – In every conversation both individually and including larger groups, Guna presents himself with the highest level professionalism. I have never seen him waiver from this professionalism, even when faced with challenging and stressful situations.
- Respect – Nobody in the industry that I am aware of gathers a higher level of respect from his peers, including not only other engineers, but also those representing owners and contractors. When Guna walks into a room, anybody that knows him immediately recognizes him as the most respected person in the room.
- Advancement of the Profession - Guna's dedication and loyalty to his employers is of the highest standard I know. His dedication to the overall profession of civil engineering, as well as the advancement of the practice generally via ASCE, is even higher.

Please accept this document as my personal endorsement of K.N. Gunalan for the position of President. I would be happy to answer any questions from the selection committee, and would welcome any opportunity to substantiate my strong support for Guna.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Girard'.

Matthew Girard, DBIA
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