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I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Ian Ruskin. Each semester at Palomar College the Economics, History, and Political Science Department hosts a lecture series titled Political Economy Days. I reached out to Ian to see if he was interested in performing during this lecture series. Ian generously performed his one man show on Harry Bridges' life: "From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks: the Life and Times of Harry Bridges" in the fall of 2015 for students, staff, and community members. He was very well received. In fact many students came up to me in the days following the performance commenting on how moved they were by the performance. In the spring of 2016 Ian came back to Palomar College to perform his play: "To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine." After the play, many students and faculty stayed behind to discuss Ian's extensive research on Thomas Paine. Ian shared stories of Thomas Paine that delighted the students. Both performances were not only well researched and informational, but highly engaging.

In each instance I was impressed by the professionalism that Ian displayed. He was very clear about his needs for the venue and props. He arrived well in advance of the performance to make sure that everything was in place. He was extremely generous with his time with the students. This was an amazing opportunity for our students, staff, and community members. Many of my students told me this was their first opportunity to view live theater.

We rely primarily on volunteers for our Political Economy Days lecture series. I am overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness that Ian exhibits when he makes the long trek through traffic from Los Angeles to San Diego to educate and entertain our students. Ian is a treasure. I recommend Ian Ruskin highly without reservations.

Sincerely,

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