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San Wong, Director

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Selection Committee  
Forty under 40  
100 4th Street,  
Des Moines IA 50309

To the Selection Committee:

I am delighted to provide this letter of recommendation to accompany the nomination of Christine Her for the 2019 Forty under 40 award. Christine is an outstanding leader and role model for our community. I first met Christine in 2007 when she participated in and won the Next SensAsian talent competition when she was in high school with an original song that she wrote. While she was just a teenager at the time, her impressive talent, passion and poise was already evident.

Since that time, she has completed her college degree and pursued professional experiences that allowed her to use her creativity as an artist as well as hone her skills in research and evaluation, fiscal management and program development and planning. As demonstrated by her involvement with the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander in the Department of Human Right after she graduated from Drake University and her progressively more responsible roles and leadership at ArtForce, Christine is passionate about serving vulnerable and multicultural populations and has been involved with and led community efforts that empower youth in those populations to improve the trajectory of their lives.

Christine has exemplified community spirit, outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to make Des Moines and Iowa a great place to live. This, coupled with her affable and collaborative nature and can-do attitude, has made her a strong and inspirational leader who is able to motivate and mobilize others to action. Her selection for the 2019 class of Forty under 40 would be a most appropriate acknowledgement of Christine Her's commitment and contributions. I would be pleased to provide additional information in support of her nomination. I may be reached at [san.wong@iowa.gov](mailto:san.wong@iowa.gov) or 515-242-6171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "San Wong".

San Wong  
Director  
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