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Letter:

In response to "Critiquing endorsements" by Michelle Stand (September 21, 2011), I would like to help clarify some potential misconceptions. First, I should point out the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted as a governing body to endorse Gary Phillips for Mayor and Andrew McCullough for City Council at the regular meeting in August. Second, I am proud to call attention to the fact that both Mr. Phillips and Mr. McCullough served the Chamber completely as volunteers. Both gentlemen served as Board members and Chairman of the Board during their tenure as Chamber volunteer leaders. They selflessly dedicated hundreds of hours of their time to help the San Rafael Chamber in its mission to strengthen the local economy, promote and connect the community, represent business to government, and provide quality networking opportunities. Finally, I would like to highlight on the fact that these two candidates have a stellar reputation of public service well beyond that of the San Rafael Chamber. These long-time San Rafael residents dedicated themselves to local schools, youth

sports, the less fortunate, public safety, neighborhoods, parents clubs and families to name only a few. Their clear dedication makes it easy to deduce that they are both fully committed to San Rafael's vitality and future. The San Rafael Chamber fully stands behind the endorsement of Gary Phillips and Andrew McCullough. They are exceptional individuals and top-quality candidates willing to contribute their time, experience and expertise toward a bright future for San Rafael.

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