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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to inform you that [Karan Kumar Ratra](#) served as a mentor at our recent event, Cal Hacks 11.0. [Karan](#) played a crucial role in helping participants with their hackathon projects, contributing their skills, passion, and expertise to guide our participants as they explore new technologies. Through their critical role, mentors helped foster, in a fair and inspiring atmosphere, a sense of competition that led to software and hardware projects that pushed the boundaries of what is possible with technology.

Cal Hacks Foundation is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit (EIN 81-3117444) that hosts some of the largest hackathons across the country, attracting over 1600 attendees regularly and fostering the creation of groundbreaking projects.

This hackathon, Cal Hacks 11.0, was a 48-hour event in the center of San Francisco (City View at the Metreon). We had over 1,600 attendees, companies like Google, Citadel, and HRT as sponsors, and important speakers like Alex Pall from the Chainsmokers, and Aravind Srinivas, the CEO of Perplexity. We gave away over \$145,000 in prizes, and partnered with prominent UC Berkeley-affiliated institutions like Berkeley SkyDeck, Berkeley SCET, and Berkeley RDI to make the event a success. Hackers built incredible projects throughout the weekend, from brain EEG signal headsets, to AI-powered 911 call analyzers, to assistive technology shoes, and much more.

At Cal Hacks 11.0, we selected a diverse and esteemed group of mentors with the crucial responsibility of sharing their technical, product development, and ideation expertise to guide participating hackers. [Karan](#) was specifically chosen as a mentor due to their technical experience in the field and passion for contributing toward building the next generation of technology innovators. Mentors are the backbone of a successful hackathon, and their combined efforts played a pivotal role in fostering a supportive and motivating atmosphere that encouraged participants to surpass boundaries in the field of computer science.

We express our deepest gratitude for [Karan](#)'s support and contributions as a member of our mentor panel. If you require any further information regarding [Karan Kumar Ratra](#)'s

participation as a mentor at Cal Hacks 11.0, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at charlie@hackberkeley.org.

Sincerely,

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