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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been asked to give feedback for Victor Contreras and his company **Early California Speaks** for their web site. I have worked with Victor Crosthwaite Contreras's as a representative of one of the oldest Families of our region. The Crosthwaite family has been contributors to the San Diego region for over 250 years, tracing their roots to Spanish Soldiers who came here to form the Missions that became the cornerstone to developing the area. The Crosthwaite family has contributed much to San Diego history.

As a presenter of California history, he brings his skills as an educator in presenting history information and stories in entertaining ways. He presents theatrical characterizations of people who lived in the seventeen and eighteen hundreds. The presentations are both entertaining and educational. He has demonstrated an ability and willingness to work with educators to adapt his presentations to the activities and lessons that enhance curriculum.

Through the **Early California Speaks** presentations the stories of people living in California mixed with details of life of the early years of the region that add the uniqueness that is the West Coast. He highlights the development of the region as it involves mixed cultures resulting in the California experience we know today.

In association with the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center Mr. Contreras has presented at our facility during exhibitions and has been featured as entertainment at a very successful fundraiser for our organization. He can adapt to diverse venues and audiences and is always of high interest and of great entertainment value. He has performed at Chula Vista High School as part of the *Nuestra Frontera: Spanish Speaking Families of the South Bay* exhibition.

It is with enthusiasm that I endorse Victor Crosthwaite Contreras and **Early California Speaks** for educational and entertainment presentations.

Respectfully,

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