



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To Whom It May Concern:

Rick Updegrave has been employed by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) as a full-time employee since 12/31/2002. Rick has been working as an Information Technology Specialist. During this time, Rick was the programmer and systems administrator for the Governor and First Lady's websites: <http://www.gov.ca.gov> and <http://www.firstlady.ca.gov>. Rick was responsible for developing and maintaining numerous other websites including several internal applications used by the executive branch. Some examples are <http://www.getgrants.ca.gov>, <http://www.opr.ca.gov>, <http://www.cpr.ca.gov>, <http://report.cpr.ca.gov>.

Rick was also successful in developing the Governor's first online application and served as technical lead for the development of the online "contact the Governor" project in 2005.

Rick continues to educate himself on new technologies and best practices and stays abreast of security alerts and patches. He consistently demonstrates his vast knowledge of email systems, database servers, website servers and applications, content management systems and open source operating systems and software packages. He has been consulted by other state entities for his advice and counsel on web site development.

Rick works very well independently and takes great pleasure in providing efficient, low-cost or no-cost solutions to his "customers".

If you would like additional information about Rick, please call me at (916) 322-1903.

Sincerely,

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