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Michelle K. Shouse, Biologist
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Dear Ms. Shouse:

This letter is in support of the 2012 Brown Nichols Science Award nomination of Dr. Katharyn Boyer of San Francisco State University's Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies. Kathy's research focuses on the ecology of coastal habitats, with particular emphasis on tidal marshes and seagrass beds. Her lab works at the interface of basic and applied ecology, with the philosophy that restoration and conservation activities will be most effective when there is an understanding of the processes that govern natural communities. Her work is largely experimental, conducted in the field, bay, greenhouse, and mesocosm settings.

In addition to the significant scientific research Kathy has contributed to the field, she has also been an excellent collaborator and a mentor for other students and scientists. I had the good fortune to work with Kathy on the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Habitat Goals working group, and was impressed with Kathy's knowledge of the Bay habitats, her clear analytical thinking, and her ability to work effectively within a collaborative setting. She is an excellent candidate for this award!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Olyarnik".

Suzanne Olyarnik, PhD
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