

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing this letter to recommend Adrian D. Garcia for the Scripps Howard Foundation fellowship program.

In the 19 months we worked together as reporters, Adrian and I most often collaborated on data projects, such as Denverite's Chart of the Week. Very quickly, his precise work and journalist's skepticism made his input essential on everything from methodology to data integrity. I wasn't alone in seeking out his opinion in the newsroom either -- many of our colleagues, even our editors, recognized the value in his news judgement.

As a coworker, Adrian was not just generous with his time, but also his knowledge. He is adept at approaching his beat in a structured method, something I asked about constantly. And when the newsroom needed to come together for big collaborative projects, such as Denverite's Colfax week, he and his reporting provided foundational knowledge to the rest of the room.

Beyond that, Adrian's passion for journalism makes me even more excited about the prospect of seeing him as a Scripps Howard Foundation fellow. Whether it's local media or data journalism, Adrian is a keen observer with many opinions about how the field could evolve. Adrian is not just determined to succeed in journalism, but to understand it deeply.

Please feel free to contact me at arellano.megan@gmail or 303.502.0082 should you like to discuss Adrian's qualifications and experience further. I'd be happy to expand on my recommendation.

Best wishes,

Megan Arellano