



SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY

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Dear Allison,

The Executive Committee of the Santa Monica Conservancy would like to thank you for your excellent facilitation of our recent Board Retreat.

We gave you a tough assignment, with limited time to prepare and only a 5 hour schedule for the retreat. You met with our Executive Committee, helped us draft an agenda and set objectives for the meeting, and did an outstanding job of facilitation during the meeting. We left with agreed-upon strategic initiatives, an action plan, and a rough budget. We could not have accomplished nearly as much without you.

These comments really speak for us all:

"I thought Allison did a great job. She moved the agenda forward, kept law and order, and finished on time. She really knows how to run a meeting efficiently."

"...for me as a new board member [the retreat] was extremely helpful.... The retreat helped me to better understand the mission of the Conservancy and find a place in the organization where I can help.

"I have attended many retreats and this one was perhaps the best run."

We look forward to working with you again and would be happy to serve as a reference for you in the future,

Regards,

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