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Cover Letter

To Whom it May Concern,

I hope this letter finds you still passionate about the work you do in education as it is a noble and beautiful profession. I am writing because I saw you were looking to hire a new art teacher. I have been teaching art since 2014. I've worked with every grade first through twelfth. I have also had the honor of doing art with youth who have been incarcerated and/or in the foster care system. I have loved every population in different ways. They have all taught me how to be an effective teacher. How to love better, teach better, understand better, and to fight fiercely for what matters. Since 2018 I have been the HS art teacher at a small charter, APEX Academy in East Hollywood. I would love the opportunity to work for you as your vision and commitment to "any student, any time, any where" is an enactment of love & dedication to students that I share.

In addition to the shared goals as far serving students, I know I will bring community engagement to your school. I have countless experiences in creating and directing art programs that culminate in important nights for families as well. For example, annually I lead students in an art installation project for the Dia de los Muertos Annual Festival. I lead students for over 100 hours through brainstorming, design, and finally creation and installation of the large scale art piece at the celebratory festival. I also have directed annual Art Gallery & Student Performances, as well as projects like school murals, spray painting, body art projects, field trips & more.

I believe the aim of art is to make people free, therefore, art for me is the science of freedom. In my class, I help students learn to express themselves in the multiple facets of their identity while also understanding others' points of view. I know that your school takes students who may have been pushed out of schools due to many factors. The arts are a very important, effective intervention when it comes to mitigating the effects of trauma and students who have been in poverty. I would like the chance to do just that at your school. I am honored to get to lead students to engage in art, the practice of freedom. There is much to be done. Let's get to work.

Please read my resume and reach out to set up a meeting to discuss further the impact we would like to have on our school. There is much to do. Thank you for your time.

Warmly,

Lilianna Raven Leon

Teaching Artist & Arts Educator since 2014