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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Elias Myers, and I am a recent UC Berkeley graduate and early career journalist. I studied History and Public Policy, graduating in May 2026.

Currently, I've been working on an ongoing investigation project with ChicoSol, a northern California nonprofit newsroom. My current work examines the tactics of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in northern California, and the official and unofficial role state and local law enforcement have played in ICE raids, detentions, and coordination. In this project, I'm relying heavily on public records, personal testimony, and open-source intelligence (OSINT). My reporting will be published later this summer.

For the past year, I served as Editor-in-Chief of the Berkeley Political Review, a UC Berkeley based political news magazine. At the Review, I managed a daily multimedia publication of a staff of over a hundred writers, editors, and designers. I set editorial priorities, coordinated publication and assignment, and oversaw quality across this high-volume operation. During my tenure, I covered California redistricting, housing policy, labor, immigration, and state legislation. Under my leadership, the Review's readership grew from under 50 daily readers to over 400. I developed multimedia formats, including podcasts, long and short form video essays, and article explainer clips. As I developed our multimedia arm, I landed sit-down recorded interviews with Congresswoman Latifa Simons, California gubernatorial candidates Steve Hilton and Eric Swalwell, and countless other insiders, experts, and local politicians. Before that, I spent two years as the California Politics section editor, supervising fifteen writers, developing story ideas, and taking pieces from pitch to publication.

Outside the newsroom, I've built digital tools for monitoring state and local legislative activity. I developed an automated platform that aggregates Northern California municipal and state legislative data through live public data pipelines. It parses and visualizes legislative data in an easily understandable format. I came away with a deeper understanding of obtaining and using quantitative data to tell a qualitative story.

On air, I covered UC Berkeley athletics for KALX, UC Berkeley's public radio station. As a radio broadcaster, I spent hours on air and in the station announcing coverage of NCAA football, basketball, and baseball.

I'm extremely interested in California and national political reporting, immigration reporting, and tech/AI reporting.

Best,

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