

OPEN LETTER IN SUPPORT OF Jasmina Vujic

We write this letter to support our friend and Serbian-American community leader, Jasmina Vujic. Jasmina's professional reputation as a pioneering nuclear engineer, world-renowned researcher, and outstanding educator is well known. But most are unaware of Jasmina's tireless charitable and humanitarian work on behalf of the Berkeley community, her students, and the Serbian-American Diaspora. We would like to highlight some of the contributions Jasmina has made to her community that illustrate her selfless character and why those who know her best hold Jasmina in high esteem.

In 2001, Jasmina and her colleagues established the Electrical Engineering Department Belgrade Alumni and Friends Association (ETF-BAFA) in the US, an organization that provides charitable, educational, and professional services to alumni, students and faculty of the University of Belgrade. ETF-BAFA has nearly 500 members, most of whom live and work in Silicon Valley. Over the first two decades of its existence, the organization has donated thousands of computers and servers to schools, churches, and universities in the United States and Serbia. It has helped construct an experimental physics and electrical engineering laboratory at the University of Belgrade, raised \$15,000 for flood relief in Serbia in 2014, and raised \$10,000 to build a high school computer laboratory in 2018. ETF-BAFA has provided scholarships and awards to over hundred best and brightest students at Belgrade University since 2001. Without Jasmina's dedication, vision, and leadership, none of this would have been possible.

From 2001-2007, Jasmina served as Vice President of the Serbian Unity Congress, a nonpartisan organization that promotes Serbian-American culture and heritage. Jasmina's work at the Serbian Unity Congress supported democracy and reconstruction in Serbian territories devastated by war. At the same time, Jasmina helped establish the Serbian American Congress to improve coordination among several organizations that support democracy and oppose corruption in Serbia.

In 2001, Jasmina was one of two Serbian-Americans appointed to the Serbian Diaspora Council, an advisory committee to Serbian President Vojislav Kostunica. As a member of the Council, Jasmina advised President Kostunica and Parliament on issues affecting the Serbian Diaspora. In 2006, Serbia's government awarded Jasmina the Tesla Plaque in honor of her work promoting science in the United States and around the world. Several times over the years Jasmina has helped organize official visits for Serbian Ministers of Science and Innovation as well as delegations from Belgrade University.

In 2015, with the help of her colleagues from the Academy of Engineering Sciences of Serbia, and hundreds of academics and engineers, Jasmina successfully opposed the sale of Serbia's state-owned telecommunication company, Telekom Srbija. She warned that the sale would result in thousands of lost jobs and enrich corrupt government officials.

As a Professor at the University of California, Berkeley since 1992, Jasmina has mentored hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to have successful careers across several scientific fields in the private sector, government, and academia. Since the Berkeley Organization of Serbian Students was founded in 1999, Jasmina has served as Faculty Advisor, helping the organization coordinate events benefiting the whole Berkeley community.

Jasmina's professional reputation is well-known, but to us, she is also a caring friend, community leader, and dedicated humanitarian. Ever since arriving in Berkeley, she has been a major benefactor of the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox parish in Moraga, California. We are thankful for the time and effort Jasmina has devoted over the years to making our community and society a better place and are proud to support her in all of her endeavors.

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