

## **Explanation of Letter of Endorsement**

Submitted with this application is a written endorsement by the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("First Presidency"). Established in 1832, the First Presidency is the Church's highest governing body. Its decisions determine Church policy and practices as carried out by every one of the Church's component organizations. And its direction is accepted as authoritative by the Church's 14 million members. Deciding who qualifies as a member of the community signified by the applied-for .LDS gTLD is ultimately determined by the First Presidency, which is responsible for setting Church membership criteria. The letter therefore reflects an unconditional endorsement of this application by the community's leading institution.