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Frederick S. Strain
President

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Letter of Recommendation

For: Robert T. Hill & Associates
199 E. Shasta Ave.
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Dear Sir or Madam:

We have worked with Bob Hill and the employees of his company for the past eight years. During that time, we had the opportunity of working with Bob on both our personal residence and business properties.

The residence portion of our association has been the complete restoration/remodeling of a large 10,000 sq. ft. family residence that was built in the 1880's. During the remodeling process, we also had Bob build a 20' x 60' lap pool with spa and waterfall; build a 1,600 sq. ft. pool house complete with kitchen, bath, and equipment room; build all of our sidewalks and driveways, and coordinate all of the subcontractors including roofing, sheetrock, tape and texture, painting; bricklayers, steel fencing; irrigation, and landscaping.

Bob has completed various repair jobs on business buildings as well as enlarge and remodel our office complex which includes five separate offices with central conference room.

To summarize, I believe Bob and his employees are some of the finest in the business. Their pride in workmanship and attention to detail is extraordinary. They let owners be involved as much or as little as they want in all phases of the project.

For these reasons, I would highly recommend Robert T. Hill & Associates to anyone regardless of the size of project considered.

If I may be of further assistance in answering any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Frederick S. Strain

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