



# Camarillo Ranch Foundation

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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to commend SL Leonard & Associates for the excellent work they did as the Construction Manager for the renovation of the 1905 Red Barn at the Camarillo Ranch, located in Camarillo, CA. SL Leonard was engaged by the City of Camarillo, owner of the property, to oversee the renovation of the existing barn at the Ranch for the use by the public as a venue for dinners, weddings and other public and private events. The renovations including providing seismic structural and fire safety improvements, concrete flooring, new roof, provision of utilities, as well as construction of restrooms, a catering service area and a storage room within the existing barn structure. While the interior of the barn was extensively altered, the exterior was required to be maintained as a 1905 barn.

As members of the Board of the Camarillo Ranch Foundation, a non-profit corporation which has the responsibility for operating and maintaining the Ranch and its facilities for the use by the public, we were given the assignment of representing the Board during the construction phase of this project. We participated in all the meetings held involving the contractor, architect, and city officials during the 8 month period of construction. As with most remodeling and renovations with older, historical buildings a rather large number of changes in the architectural plans were necessary as construction progressed. The construction management function became very important in determining what changes were to be made, the analysis of the alternatives and the costs associated with those changes. The construction manager had to deal with all the various parties involved in the project and obtain an agreement as to those changes and their costs.

We wish to commend Randell Lawrence, Senior Project Manager for SL Leonard & Associates who had the assignment of overseeing the barn project. Mr. Lawrence handled the assignment extremely well. He resolved the issues that developed as construction proceeded to the satisfaction of the owner, the contractor and architect, as well as Camarillo Ranch Board with minimal delay and with an attitude of fairness to the interests of all the parties. His organization of work and maintaining records of the status of various phases of the work was thorough and very helpful during the construction process, especially with regard to the number of change orders that the project required.

On behalf of the Camarillo Ranch Board of Directors, we wish to publicly thank Randell Lawrence and his firm, SL Leonard & Associates for the fine job they did during the renovation of our historic barn. The final product exceeded our expectations and we have received many compliments for the way it turned out. If we ever need a construction management firm in the future, they would be the first we would call.

Very Truly Yours,

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