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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: S. L. LEONARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.

I am Chairman of the Board of the Museum of Ventura County. The Museum recently completed Phase I of an expansion project at a cost exceeding \$3,000,000.00. Although we had worked closely with the contractor during the design phase of the project, we determined it was prudent to engage S. L. Leonard & Associates, Inc. to assist us in supervising the construction. We were specifically assigned Randell Lawrence who acted as our owner's representative. Their work for us included the following:

- (1) Negotiated the Owner/Contractor Agreement;
- (2) Chaired weekly meetings and monitored progress of contractor and architect;
- (3) Oversaw quality of construction;
- (4) Brought on board a landscape architect and testing and inspection lab as necessary;
- (5) Worked closely with ownership through a bankrupt subcontractor;
- (6) Demanded appropriate substantiation of monthly draws and change orders in a situation where the contractor used non-standard office procedures; and
- (7) Completed a thorough review of plans to mitigate future changes in Phase II of the project.

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It is our opinion that S. L. Leonard's work reduced change order requests by approximately \$276,000.00 (the difference between initial submission and the final negotiated value) and their mere presence improved the professional and efficient scheduling of the project overall.

We could not recommend S. L. Leonard & Associates, Inc., and, specifically, Randell Lawrence, more highly.

Very truly yours,

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