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November 26, 2001  
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Tumbleson, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1388  
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Attention: Don Locke  
Re: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Don,

I thought it would be appropriate for me to take this opportunity to thank you for your work on two recent school projects: Alisal High School Addition and Pacific Grove High School Modernization, Phase I.

The Alisal project is an interesting project because, although it stands alone, we also were doing another project identical to it at another school with a different contractor. We found that your firm was more responsive, better organized and especially, your foreman, Billie Armendariz, was especially astute in his planning and his workmanship. I have never seen framing so beautifully executed. It was really a model for all contractors to follow. Billie laid out each stud on the formwork, with each anchor bolt located. This helped to avoid conflicts with other trades.

In addition, to have an opportunity to work with you personally was a pleasure. You were always responsive to my concerns, addressed issues that came up fairly, and you were always ready to work things out rather than to build walls or create obstacles. Your positive effort was greatly appreciated.

On the Pacific Grove project, time was much more of the essence of the project because it had to be done during the summer months with limited access and many difficult issues to deal with. Again, your firm was responsive and fair in our dealings. My partner, Rick Fedelem, was very delighted to work with your firm and found your staff very cooperative and you were able to meet a difficult schedule that was presented to you.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with your firm in the future and wish we could hire you without having to go through the bid process.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Lukes, AIA  
HBFL Architects

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