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To Whom It May Concern,

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Over the last two years, my husband and I daydreamed, designed and built our fantasy vacation home on the Sonoma coast. We were able to accomplish this with the professional help of a talented architect, and equally importantly, a dedicated and experienced professional home builder, Tom Carreiro.

Our architect suggested we interview several contractors including Tom given his experience in building homes along the coast. We first met Tom and his wife at his lovely Sebastopol home (built by Tom). We spent time talking about what we wanted in a contractor and how we envisioned our working relationship to assure good communication, buy in and comfort of all parties. Tom was most receptive to our thoughts and agreed entirely with the need for an effective partnership. It was an easy decision to go with Tom. We knew immediately following this first meeting because of a gut feeling. He was (and is) a nice guy with an honest approach to doing business.

We were never disappointed during our 15 month project with our selection. Tom was extremely capable, always dependable and very approachable on any and all decisions required during home construction. Most importantly, we trusted Tom with his judgment and building knowledge. We also trusted his financial oversight, negotiations with subs and project management skills. We never felt surprised or out of the loop with monthly invoices or project progress reports.

Every one of Tom's subcontractors was motivated to do a good job for us—because they liked working with Tom and hoped to be on his short list for the next project. I really appreciated his people skills not only with us, but with his subs. Because of his leadership, we have outstanding finishes in our home. The craftsmanship of the cabinet makers, the design and installation of our floating staircase and our sophisticated lighting/heating system were all managed by Tom. He was involved in brainstorming creative solutions with a team approach. I remember standing in the great room with Tom, the cabinet maker and the electrician with a group-think on how to finish the fireplace/TV wall. It was fun to put our heads together and figure out how to make it work. And, the result looks great!

We feel very confident in Tom's abilities as a builder of a unique property and were delighted to have the chance to work with him. We would be happy to speak with you further on his behalf if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Gail E. Nethercut Ph.D.