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Re: Christian Andersen Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Christian Andersen and his construction company, Building Repair and Management. After having spent over 30 years in real estate managing over 100,000,000 square feet of buildings in 33 countries around the world, I can speak with considerable experience.

Christian comes from a construction background. His father, Marsh Andersen, is well known and respected in the Sonoma County building industry. When Christian began his construction career, he already knew more than many seasoned contractors. He has a great construction crew and sound judgment.

Over the last few years, Christian has managed all my projects in Sonoma County. Some of them were extremely difficult, like preventing further subsurface water damage to a legacy barn on the shore of the Russian River. Other projects had to be completed within very narrow windows of time to meet the needs of tenants. Despite these challenges, Christian has never disappointed.

Most recently, Christian worked on the complete renovation of 221 Grant Street, one of Healdsburg's 70 Historic Homes. The building was built in 1906 by one of Healdsburg's founders, Jane Kelley, the wife of Captain Kelley, a well know Healdsburg whaler. By the spring of 2016, decades of little or no maintenance had left the building and legacy oak trees in terrible condition. When we purchased the property, it was our desire to renovate this neighborhood treasure to give it another 100 years, but the project was enormous, complex, and daunting. Fortunately, we could rely on Christian. He rebuilt the disintegrating retaining wall with massive steel I-beams drilled several feet into the ground yet carefully designed to assure the survival of two legacy oak trees. Then he tackled the building itself, which was sitting on a crumbling foundation, raising the home several feet in the air so that the entire foundation could be rebuilt and a new foundation could be poured for a new master bedroom and bath. Christian replaced all the lath & plaster walls, all electrical wiring, all the plumbing, brought the building to code, and replaced all the fixtures so that our project goals could be achieved. We are grateful for Christian, without whom we could never have realized our goals for this extraordinary home.

Sincerely,