



Berkeley Emergency Food and Housing Project

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Dear Jeff,

I am happy to write you a letter of reference for the work that you did for the Berkeley Emergency Food and Housing Project. The 3,500 sq. foot third floor addition to our Women's Shelter building is constantly receiving positive comments from visitors. Although the project did not always go as smoothly as I would have wished, I want to commend you and your crew for always working with the staff and clients of our agency to reach a solution that worked for all concerned. I especially appreciated the extra care and concern that construction crews demonstrated on a daily basis to our special needs population.

I would like to list some of the areas that I believe made the job go as smoothly as it did. Having regular meetings with architect, builder and owner were a key element in keeping us updated about any potential change orders and variations in the time. These meetings also allowed for troubleshooting any scheduling difficulties. Because the project was occupied during the construction it required ongoing accommodation on the part of the construction schedule, contractor and sub contractors. You and your crew were very respectful of the needs of our clients and worked around the scheduling of our program as much as possible. You provided a detailed construction schedule that allowed us to prepare the clients for the more disruptive elements of the construction project.

Most importantly you brought the construction project in on time and within budget.

Sincerely,

Terrie Light
Director of Women's Services