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To Whom It May Concern;

We first became acquainted with John Batchelder in the fall of 2002 when we began negotiating with Sweetwater Construction Company with whom he worked. We began our work together when we toured the home Sweetwater had built that we liked. The company had another lot in the area where they planned to build another house. With John, we meticulously went over the house, John making notes about what we wanted changed on the model they and he were going to build for us. John was immensely helpful pointing out things that we didn't notice and that he had noted as problems or inefficient in the model he had supervised building that we were touring. We acted on all of his excellent suggestions. Shortly thereafter, he and his Sweetwater team began construction on our house. Jack was working half the time in South Africa and I knew absolutely nothing about how to "look" at the construction process. John was very good about educating me and keeping me posted about where they were and what was going on.

Sometimes I would ask for changes that hadn't been included in the original agreement and John would research the additional time and cost these changes would make. I probably was not all that easy to work with !! His organizational and management skills led to Jack and I moving very quickly into the house where we live today. We love it here.

About a year later, we became concerned about cracks in the stucco on the south side. We went back to Sweetwater and asked that they repair and repaint these cracks. Obviously the company was not happy about our doing so. John was immensely helpful as he acted as mediator between us and his boss. He did a beautifully neutral job and the repairs were undertaken.

Some years later, John began working for Davis Property Management who managed the house in downtown Davis where I rented an office. Again, I was so appreciative about his attention to the welfare of the tenants there, monitoring maintenance and repairs. If we needed something done, it was done within the day. In 2003, the house that was built in 1920, was closed for 3 months for remodeling and updating. John again supervised this and it went quickly and efficiently. He left some little time ago to work elsewhere and we in the office sure do miss him. Our messages to the management company seem to fall into a large black hole!

We feel confident that whatever John Batchelder chooses to do, he will do it extremely competently, efficiently and gracefully. You will be lucky to have him.

Jack Kiss

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