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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to recommend to you without reservation Dan Scales and D Scales Construction as you consider a builder for your new home.

Donnita and I were looking to build a custom home in a Tuscan/Mediterranean style in an exclusive gated community in Bakersfield, California. Dan had built several homes in the community and we liked what we saw. I remember my first visit with Dan in his own beautiful home which he had designed and built. I shared with him our ideas for a Tuscan-style home and his eyes lit up. He left the room and brought back a blueprint for a 4,000 square foot home he had been designing. We couldn't believe it! It was exactly what we had imagined. We put our money down and began what would be one of our family's most satisfying experiences.

I confess that as a professional musician and university professor I am a little OCD about details. I was very pleased to have a builder who was also a little OCD in that regard. Dan was very organized and managed our project with experienced expertise. I was on site practically every day and was able to observe every layer of the construction process. To say I was impressed would be an understatement. I've always felt that one of the key skills of a great builder was the ability to select the best subcontractors, and Dan hired the best. The quality of construction was impeccable. Great attention was given to quality materials and workmanship. Everything was done first-class using the latest best practices, especially in the area of energy conservation, which included the very best blown-in insulation, tankless water heaters, roof mounted solar system, and more. Even in the desert heat of Bakersfield, our home was very economical to heat and cool.

There are too many wonderful things about our home to mention all of them in this short letter, but a few of the things that I enjoyed the most were the custom swimming pool, upgraded professional kitchen appliances, upgraded Mediterranean landscaping, stamped concrete drive and motor court, exquisite cabinetry, custom iron work on the staircase and balcony railing, state-of-the-art home theater, beautiful courtyard with a Tuscan fountain, large 1,400 square foot covered patio with elegant arches across the back of the house, and so much more. The layout and design of the kitchen, courtyard, and patio allowed us to often feed over 150 people at a time in our home with ease and efficiency.

Our home is beautiful. We enjoyed it so much in so many ways, but I think the thing we enjoyed most was the relationship we had with Dan and Michelle. Building a home is stressful for everyone involved even in the best of circumstances. It is not uncommon for the builder and home owner to barely be on speaking terms by the time the project is completed. That was certainly not our experience with Dan. If there was any issue at all, he bent over backwards to make sure we were happy. Change orders were handled without complication. When little bumps would present themselves, we just worked them out. Dan's experience and creativity actually made it fun. I am very pleased to say that when all was said and done, I not only had a great builder, but ended up with a great friend as well. Not many people can say that about their home building experience.

If you hire D Scales Construction to build your new home, you will not be disappointed. Dan is a man of integrity. You can trust his expertise and his recommendations. I would not hesitate to ask Dan to build a new home for us, in fact, I would jump at the chance.

Best wishes to you in this adventure to build a home for your family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary and Donnita Mathena