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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for the architectural services of AXIA Architects. I have been the Director of School Planning & Construction of the Napa Valley Unified School District for over 20 years and during that time AXIA have been the architects for many of our school modernization projects and new construction work.

AXIA's work involved our being involved primarily with Bill Dodson, a Principal in the firm. The projects involved the modernization of a 2,000 plus student high school, modernizing several elementary schools, construction of a high school gym and construction of new multiuse buildings on elementary campuses. The largest project was the \$7,000,000 modernization in 2001 of a high school. This last summer we completed the work that was designed by AXIA to convert a 1972 business wing into four (4) physical science classrooms and a large prep area. The project had to be done during the summer break as it involved a complete demo of all the interior walls and cutting a concrete slab. The project also included a number of "green" features and state-of-the-art technology. The building had been built at a time when schools had very little natural light and through the design we have classrooms that on many days do not have to have the lights turned on.

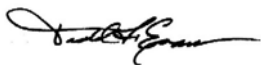
The district has passed three (3) General Obligation Bonds since 1996 and AXIA has worked on projects included in all three bond measures. We use AXIA each year because they do excellent work. They are responsive to the needs of their client throughout the process and even after the fact.

They are partners with Napa Valley Unified School District, not only on each of our projects but related other building matters. Their designs have incorporated the latest thinking in school construction including "green building components" which are so critical today.

Bill Dodson and AXIA is a firm that will be included in future construction projects with Napa Valley Unified School District. Bill and his associates have always found the way to incorporate both the stated needs of school staffs and the district while at the same time created projects that are built within budgets and on time.

I recommend AXIA highly and would be very happy to provide additional information upon request.

Sincerely,



Donald F. Evans, Director
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