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Letter of Reference and Recommendation

In early February 2008, my father passed away in a local nursing home. For one year prior to this my brother and I began an 18 month renovation project of my parent's home of 45 years at 74 Rollingwood Dr in San Rafael.

As we proceeded, it was clear we needed a General Contractor. I learned of David Mulligan and Builders of Marin in mid-February 2008. Within days, David began rapidly proceeding with demolition and an extensive renovation.

To begin working with David was an immediate decision; he is who and what he says he is. Dave is authentic and genuine. His references are solid. His communication style is straightforward and actionable. His past work is great proof of his high quality services, and David takes pride with providing excellent service.

Over a period of 4 months, we completed the project. The property was overgrown, cluttered, dated, and in need of significant improvements. Over this period, we hauled 12 dumpster loads away – this project was not straightforward. Work included painting of the interior and exterior, new doors and casings throughout, opening up the family room, kitchen and living room by removing bearing walls, updating electrical, and lighting improvements throughout, removal of 4 backyard structures, kitchen remodel, including new granite counters and appliances, refinishing of hardwood floors and installing new taller baseboards, a thorough cleaning and window washing, yard cleanup, and landscaping.

David fully supported my purchase of most materials since my fiancé works for Lowes; even though logistics were more challenging. We had many options to weigh in order to manage our budget; David helped us step through each of them to achieve the best results.

One of David's greatest strengths is his ability to sequence work so rework, and delays between subcontractors are avoided. He was always one step ahead in planning, managing and completing activities. David also negotiated fencing replacement with our neighbors, something that wasn't very easy.

I highly recommend David Mulligan for his superior craftsmanship, communication style, and attention to detail; he offers very affordable and reliable home remodeling and renovation services.

Not once did David recite the contractor mantra – “in two weeks”.

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