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Berkeley, CA

RE: **Omni Painting & Waterproofing Inc.**  
**Mr. Omer Yilmaz**

To Whom It May Concern:

We retained the services of Omni Painting to restore and paint the exterior of our home in the Elmwood neighborhood of Berkeley. The large 1920's two-story home is clad in painted wood shingles and features decorative wood trim elements throughout. Included are original wood gutters and double-hung windows with divided lights on all elevations. It had been too long since the previous paint job. Paint was peeling and beginning to flake in locations, and the older paint was believed to contain lead.

Omni's work was top-notch. I am a contractor and a consultant to the construction industry. We issued a very detailed specification for the project, and Omni performed with no exceptions. The preparation work was painstaking, including sanding, scraping, sill restoration, filling, and caulking. Each coat of the paint application was thorough and neat. Quality products were used throughout.

Omni was meticulously organized and clean. The crew showed up regularly and promptly, each day as scheduled, and cleaned up at the end of each shift. All of the lead work was performed with personal protective equipment, under containment barriers, and with HEPA-filter vacuum attachments. The home includes extensive landscaping and mature trees that had to be preserved and protected – a very important project requirement for us. Omni diligently worked around all of the plantings – nothing was damaged – and even constructed a customized irregular scaffold so as to avoid and minimize any necessary pruning to our prized rhododendrons.

Omni was reliable and accountable. The crew did everything as promised, and did not have to be reminded. The crew was hard-working, serious, and good-natured. My retired mother was living in the home throughout the project, and they were considerate of any disruptions to her daily life. They politely and patiently coordinated interior access and operation of the windows. We had family in from out of town during the middle of the project and we had to request Omni slightly modify its schedule – they did so without batting an eye.

Omni's price was reasonable. It was consistent with our independent cost estimate and not the highest proposal we received. Omni completed the project for the original price, and did not request any cost increases.

Omer and his team have been great to work with. We could not be more satisfied. I highly recommend Omni Painting for any comparable painting project. Should you have any questions, please call.

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