

GOTTSCHALKS INC

March 30, 2006

Mr. Frank Cornell  
Construction Developers Inc.  
5320 N. Barcus  
Fresno, CA 93722

Re: Recommendation

Dear Frank:

I would like to commend you and your staff on the completion of our new concept store in the Riverpark shopping center here in Fresno. The workmanship and adherence to schedule was excellent. Although your company has completed numerous projects for us over a period of many years we seldom stop to express our appreciation for the dedication you and your people give to the individual projects. I would recommend you company to any prospective clients you may have and welcome calls for references.

Your company has been an integral part of our team here for eighteen years and was instrumental in our expansion into the Pacific Northwest in 2000 and our expansion into Southern California in 1998. Your company works well under pressure and adheres to budgets and very tight schedules. I appreciate the hard work and professionalism your company has shown in meeting my company's need and look forward to continuing our relationship in years to come.

Sincerely,



Stan Dobbs  
Vice President, Store Planning & Construction  
Gottschalks Inc.