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Subject: Letter of Reference

Mr. Jimmy Stewart and his team have operated Tayman Park Golf Course in Healdsburg, California for the last 25 years, transforming the City-operated golf course originally built in 1921 from a “desert of divots” into a community asset that everyone enjoys playing (www.healdsburggolfclub.com). Part of Mr. Stewart’s strategy to revive Tayman Park Golf Course’s fortunes (or Healdsburg Golf Club as it is also known) was to design and build the only three-story driving range in the Sonoma County/North Bay Area. Not only has this helped enhance revenues, but it has also provided a place for practice, instruction, and clinics to help create more players and grow the game.

Other projects Mr. Stewart accomplished at Tayman Park include a complete remodel of the pro shop and clubhouse, running a lengthy pipeline and related infrastructure to access water from an abandoned City well (a high priority project that removed the golf course from the City’s potable water system), and most recently working with the City to bring reclaimed water to the golf course – a project that has taken almost 20 years to bring to fruition and will reduce or eliminate groundwater use entirely.

These projects, along with additional revenue initiatives, efforts to control expenses, and ensuring access to no/low cost irrigation water, have allowed Mr. Stewart to consistently maintain reasonable green fee rates and access over the years for our Healdsburg residents while maintaining the Tayman Park Golf Course in excellent condition. With its beautiful views, great facilities and reasonable prices, Tayman Park Golf Course has truly become a central gathering place for Healdsburgers and the community.

As Mr. Stewart and his team have always operated Tayman Park Golf Course in a professional manner, for any municipality looking to outsource/offload their struggling golf operations I would highly recommend Jimmy and his proven vision, experience, and expertise to restore any City golf course to financial stability with minimal disruption to current users/players and the community as a whole.

If you have any questions or if I can provide you with any other information, please feel free to contact me at 707-431-3116 or by email at mthemig@healdsburg.gov.

Sincerely,

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