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March 31, 2008

Mayor Karl Dean  
100 Metro Courthouse  
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mayor Dean,

I have worked as a City Manager in four cities over a 30-year career. As you may imagine, I have encountered hundreds of property owners and developers – each having a request or promise to the city. Without question, the company that I have enjoyed the most and has worked out the best for the city that I managed was Tower Investments. Their principals, Steve Marks Sr. and Steve Marks Jr. are straightforward and honest. They do what they say and listen carefully to what the city would like to see.

The project that they purchased in Redding, California when I was City Manager was approved for 166 units. In my opinion, it was not at all compatible with the area or neighborhood. Instead of pushing forward, they listened to what the city preferred and redesigned the project. They worked with the neighbors as well as the city to produce a plan that was much better and served the community well.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Tower Investments. I am confident you will find, as I did, that they are people that will help improve your city, and will do so with a great deal of integrity.

If you have questions, I can be contacted at (530) 242-3125.

Sincerely,

Michael Warren  
Retired City Manager