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**SUBJECT: REFERENCE LETTER FOR GIL GARCIA**

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this reference letter for Gil Garcia. I met Gil during my tenure as Principal Architect for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. Gil was one of the local Architects who we relied upon for professional design services.

After a rather complex RFP process, the RDA selected Ehrlich Architects [an internationally recognized Architectural Firm] as Design Architects for the Biblioteca and Washington Area Youth Center. GarciaTeague was selected as Executive Architect to translate the design for this beautiful building into Contract Documents and to perform Construction Review Services.

Gil was able to artfully translate Design Drawings into Permit Documents and work with a difficult General Contractor and tight schedule to bring the building to completion on schedule and within budget. Biblioteca stands as a witness to Gils' skill today.

Additionally, Gil is a major supporter of local non-profit groups. Gil served on the First Community Housing Board of Directors for many years and was instrumental in helping me turn around the organization when I first took over.

I believe that Gil Garcia will make an excellent addition to your Design Team.

Sincerely,

Jeff Oberdorfer FAIA, CDS  
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