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Re: Reference for John Hartranft

To Whom It May Concern:

John Hartranft has served the City of Rockville as an active community volunteer, an effective advocate in civic affairs, and as a dedicated professional working in the areas of education and local history. I am familiar with his accomplishments during the past ten years, and have observed first hand his positive impact on students and citizens of all ages.

Mr. Hartranft is knowledgeable about the issues that impact the City of Rockville, particularly in the areas of land use, historic preservation, and education. He offers an insightful and broad perspective of the community in public forums, and appreciates points of view that are different from his own. His ideas are well-conceived and clearly presented. These characteristics serve him well in his work on task forces and focus groups, when constructive dialogue is necessary to advance public interest.

Several years ago, Mr. Hartranft was appointed by the Mayor and Council of Rockville to serve on the Rockville Regional Library Site Selection Committee, convened by the Montgomery County Government. We are now realizing the benefits of the committee's work in our revitalization of Rockville Town Center, where the new library is to serve as a focal point.

In his staff position at Peerless Rockville, a local nonprofit organization, Mr. Hartranft was instrumental in advancing the public's knowledge of local history by coordinating public programs, including tours, awards for historic preservation, and publications. City of Rockville employees benefit from his expertise and wide range of skills, looking to him as a resource for television productions, city publications, community planning, and recreation programs.

I was pleased to serve on the faculty of an educational program that Mr. Hartranft initiated and directed for a diverse group of middle and high school students, university student interns, and professionals. The students explored and documented city neighborhoods, using photography and journal writing as tools, and interpreted their findings in a public exhibit shown in a variety of venues. His work with this program, along with his other professional achievements, has attractive positive media coverage for the City of Rockville, and contributed much to our collective sense of place.

Mr. Hartranft is an asset to the City of Rockville, and I recommend him without qualification

Sincerely,

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