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To Whom It May Concern:

After interviewing several interior designers, my husband and I hired Velvet Hammerschmidt Designs to research and develop plans for our master bathroom and guest bathroom remodel. It was very important to us that we hire a designer who not only had a strong demonstrated background in the type of contemporary aesthetic we wanted to incorporate into our bathrooms, but also approached projects in a professional manner and had a rapport with us as clients.

Velvet was a clear choice for us on all three criteria. In our first meeting she not only showed us projects she had designed for previous clients but also materials and ideas that demonstrated she was on the same page with us in terms of the type of feel we wanted for the project. Having met with other designers who were a little too lax on the business-end for our comfort, we were very impressed with Velvet's organization, her professional presentation and the obvious attention that she has spent in developing her billing and other business-related aspects of her services. Finally, we felt that, personally, we related well to Velvet. She was enthusiastic about the project and, recognizing that we were "hands-on" types, made her reference library available and gave us a mini-education on resources for us to research everything from finishes to hardware.

After we communicated some of the things we wanted in the bathrooms and Velvet had a chance to view the space in person, we were very pleased with the design proposals Velvet presented. She worked up a number of different physical configurations and introduced some really exciting materials and design features. She then worked with us to figure out which of the proposals worked best with our lifestyle and to obtain the look that we were hoping to achieve. Working from color sketches and preliminary CAD designs, Velvet helped us finalize our plans and provided us with detailed CAD printouts that laid out the structure, electrical and plumbing aspects of the project.

While the majority of Velvet's work was completed after the CAD printouts were completed, she stayed on in an advisory role throughout the project. She was an invaluable source of information regarding fixtures and finishes. Additionally, she was open to handling questions about aesthetic and design issue.

In short, we had a wonderful experience with Velvet and her firm. We would recommend her without hesitation.

Sincerely,

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