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To Whom It May Concern:

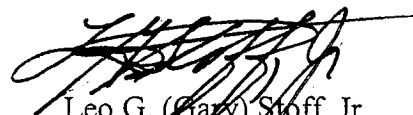
The purpose of this letter is to introduce to you Michael Smith and Miken Technologies.

The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis (the "BEC") has engaged Mr. Smith and his company to provide computer technology and support for a number of years. We have always been pleased with the quality of products and services we receive and are pleased to recommend him and his organization to other potential customers.

As you may know, the BEC and the City of St. Louis entered into a Consent Decree with the Department of Justice two years ago which mandated, among other things, that the BEC implement the use of laptop computers at each polling precinct to better process voters whose names do not appear on the signature roster. Due to a lack of funding to implement that mandate, the BEC discussed with Mr. Smith alternative approaches. He and his staff suggested using a Palm Pilot and developed a program that enabled us to download the names, addresses, wards and precinct numbers of the approximately 73,000 inactive voters in our database. We then used such Palm Pilots in 18 precincts in the August 3 Primary Election on a trial basis to see if specialist judges would be able to process inactive voters faster than with a paper printout. The results were encouraging such that we are now looking to expand the application to include additional information, such as polling site locations, as well as the number of sites at which Palm Pilots will be utilized at the November Presidential Election. If those results are likewise encouraging, we will likely continue to work with Mr. Smith and Miken Technologies to investigate other uses of this new technology.

If I can provide any additional information to you about the BEC's work with Mike Smith and Miken Technologies, please do not hesitate to contact me at 314-622-4239.

Very truly yours,



Leo G. (Gary) Stoff, Jr.  
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