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To Whom It May Concern:

The Sonoma Valley Unified School District has held a long-standing professional relationship with Government Financial Strategies and its principal, Lori Raineri. Throughout the duration of our professional association (now in excess of ten years) Ms. Raineri and her firm have provided invaluable expertise and strategic advice to the District.

Government Financial Strategies have been helpful by providing the District administration and the Board of Trustees with information regarding general obligation bonds, parcel taxes, and the campaigns so vital to their passage.

Ms. Raineri and her staff have provided numerous and highly professional presentations that have increased public awareness of the financial issues that impact our school district, thereby enhancing public confidence in the District's ability to effectively manage its resources. Ms. Raineri also enjoys a delightful sense of humor that she carefully employs to ease tension and relax listeners when orally presenting complex and tedious information. The interface with District staff and the Board of Trustees is always professional, efficient, and thorough.

We appreciate the resourcefulness of Government Financial Strategies. Over the past several years, Ms. Raineri and her staff successfully refinanced general obligation bonds for the Sonoma Valley Unified School District that have generated sizeable tax savings to voters.

I personally trust Lori Raineri! She is highly competent, discreet, and politically astute – traits that are essential in order for her clients to effectively rely on her expertise and advice. Ms. Raineri is viewed as both honorable and very ethical. I strongly endorse the services provided by Government Financial Strategies and would recommend them with no reservations.

Sincerely,



D. Kim Jamieson, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

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