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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been my pleasure to work with Robert Belt, CPA for many years in his capacity as auditor of the City of Galena Park and for the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association of which I am a past president.

As auditor for the City, his audits have been timely, accurate, fair, and insightful. In addition, he has helped the City with our federal grant programs, performing special single audits and addressing audit problems that originated prior to his service with our City.

While his audit work has been top notch, he has assisted our City in a number of other areas, such as our investment policy and depository contract. When I needed to increase water and sewer utility revenues, but did not want to increase utility rates paid by our senior citizens, he helped me formulate a utility rate structure that would accomplish this objective and still be fair to all involved.

One of my greatest challenges as Mayor is ensuring the City has the resources to pay for the essential services of our community. Like many cities, the tax burden already on our citizens is significant, so it is essential that any tax process be as fair and accurate as possible. In this area he has been most helpful.

In 2005 Mr. Belt helped the City tremendously when he identified 22 businesses within our City, (7% of the total businesses), whose sales taxes were being paid to another jurisdiction. As of the date of this letter, he is continuing to work with the City to ensure that the State Comptrollers office repays us. Since these corrections go back four years, the lump sum impact to our budget should be significant. Combined with future increased monthly sales tax deposits, his work will make our budget process much smoother.

When our non-profit organization that facilitates cooperative efforts between cities in our county, the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association, was levied a fine by the IRS equating to 15% of the organization annual budget, he successfully had the penalties abated by the IRS.

In summary, I am proud of the services the Robert Belt, CPA has performed on my watch, and I feel comfortable in recommending him for similar services.

Sincerely,

R.P. (Bobby) Barrett,  
Mayor