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RE: Letter of Reference for Michael Joseph and Paige Obrig

Michael Joseph and Paige Obrig have asked that I write a letter of recommendation based on our professional association over the past few weeks. I have found both Michael and Paige to be honest and straightforward in their approach to bringing the "We the People" banner to our community.

I endorse these two energetic and hardworking people with great pride. I appreciate the opportunity they provided our community to share in the uniting of our country in such a humble way, at such a sensitive and crucial time. Their grassroots approach to such a large endeavor has been greatly received by our community.

As I communicated primarily with Michael Joseph to coordinate signing opportunities for our city's mayor and local emergency response personnel, including our chief of police, director of ambulance services, emergency response dispatchers, county sheriff and fire chief I found him to be most cooperative. He proved to be flexible in his scheduling and minimal in accommodations requests (just a place to display the banners).

I appreciate the professionalism displayed by these two individuals as they brought this occasion to our community, and the commendable manner in which they represented this entire project.

I would welcome the opportunity to provide additional reference regarding these two very respectable and talented individuals.

Respectfully submitted by,

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