

Mary H. Burns  
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(505) 776-8728

13 February, 1988

Robert J. Sturteeman, Architect  
Box 2036  
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Bob,

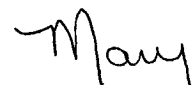
We have just celebrated our first anniversary of living in our wonderful house, and I feel compelled to write to tell you again how thoroughly pleased and delighted we are with it. It has exceeded all our expectations and is a complete joy to live in.

We are very glad we took as long as we did over the planning. You were so right to stress that it's easier to make changes on paper than it is to move walls! That "tome" you gave us to fill out really exercised all our faculties, but it's the best way I can imagine to be sure that we considered every detail.

We appreciated the way you suggested various contractors for the bidding, even though you recognized that we had a favorite in the running all along. The process gave us a good sense of comparison and perspective so that when we did select the one we preferred anyway, we knew we were doing so with our heads as well as our hearts. We also appreciated your readily accepting our decision and the fine way you and Mark were able to work together after you became acquainted.

The end result is our pride and joy and has given us a very fulfilling contentment. No Mr. Bland situation here! From start to finish the process was smoother and less stressful than any other job we've heard of. Much of the credit is yours, and we're forever grateful.

Sincerely,

  
Mary H. Burns

November 14, 1995

Robert Sturtzman  
P. O. Box 2036  
Taos, New Mexico 87571

Dear Bob,

We want to express our appreciation to you for your design of the new building on our property. Like so many buildings in New Mexico it is going to look like it was organically grown!

We have been so pleased with our home in New Mexico from the very beginning. You have provided the creativity and reality for our vision from its planning stage, through its construction and on through its various additions. Your creative professional plans and oversight insured a building process that was remarkably free of stress, despite the fact that we were absent during much of the construction.

Thank you again.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Sincerely*  
*Carol and Bob*

# Piñon Investments of Taos

EVAN BLISH, BROKER . PO BOX 400, ARROYO SECO, NM 87514 . 505-776-8106

December 12, 1995

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter on behalf of Robert Sturtzman, who designed our home in Des Montes in 1989. We first approached Bob in late 1988 as we had seen and admired his work throughout Taos County.

From the very first, Bob was very open and receptive to our wants and needs. What we especially appreciated was that he was an excellent listener and did not impose his preconceptions on our ideas. He was sensitive to our budget considerations and helped us work within those parameters. He came out to the homesite on several occasions and helped us take advantage of the many wonderful views from our property.

As we are both in the real estate business and constantly look at homes throughout Taos County, we see and appreciate what a difference it makes to have a professional like Bob Sturtzman design your home. We feel our home has a very beautiful, flowing floor plan. Our home continues to work well after 7 years of inhabitation, and we are still as pleased as ever.

Bob provided us with a landscape plan which we are very pleased with and we have received many compliments on it. We think so highly of Bob's work that we have referred many of our clients to him. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Evan Blish and Jackie Blish



**BRANDENBURG & JOHNSON**

**ATTORNEYS AT LAW**

**P. O. BOX 617**

**TAOS, NEW MEXICO 87571**

**TELEPHONE: 758-4261**

**JAMES M. BRANDENBURG  
CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON**

**R. HOWARD BRANDENBURG  
OF COUNSEL**

May 29, 1985

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My wife and I have recently had Mr. Robert J. Sturtzman, Architect, design and supervise the construction of our home in Taos, New Mexico and are most favorably impressed with his ability in both fields.

The reason for employing him to supervise was because we would, in all probability, be in Arizona for an extended length of time and not able to personally check the construction, as against the architect's specifications.

In returning to Taos approximately once a month, we found that his supervision and attention to detail was, in all probability, stricter than we would have been. We can wholeheartedly recommend him to supervise the construction of his designs and to maintain the high quality and detail set forth in his specifications.

Sincerely,

  
R. Howard Brandenburg

RHB:csn

Shirley M. Helm (1905-1986)  
Albert P. Jones (1907-1992)  
George E. Pletcher  
J. Donald Bowen  
Michael Y. Saunders  
Stephen W. Hanks  
David R. Miller  
Timothy H. Pletcher  
John W. Tavormina  
Steven R. Baker  
Lance C. Winchester  
Steve Young

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BOWEN  
&  
SAUNDERS  
L.L.P.

Attorneys at Law

May 25, 1995

Mr. Robert J. Sturtcman  
P.O. Drawer TT  
Taos NM 87571

Dear Bob:

Now that our guest house has been completed, Sheree and I want to tell you how much we appreciate all of the work you have done for us.

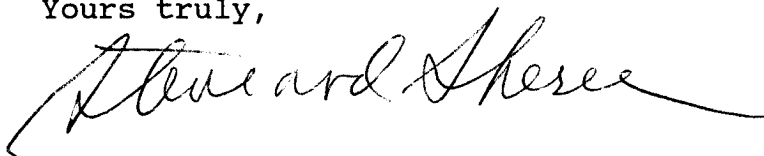
Our house turned out both more beautiful and more functional than we had even hoped. Sheree and I were somewhat overwhelmed at the prospect of building a house in New Mexico while we were in Houston. In retrospect, the most important decision we made was the first one, and that was to hire you as our architect. From the decision on the location of the house to the smallest details of color and appliances and fixtures, your advice has always served us well.

In many ways I think we feel more at home in our house in Taos than we do here in Houston, and I think we owe that to you.

Although it may be some years in the future, we are already excited about the prospect of building a main house for us to live in permanently, and we look forward to working with you on that house as well.

Thank you again for the patient and professional way you handled our project, and for the beautiful house that you designed and helped us build.

Yours truly,



STEVE HANKS and SHEREE LIVNEY

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WEISS ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INC.

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License No. 403791

March 19, 1982

Mr. Robert Sturtzman  
P. O. Box 2036  
Taos, New Mexico 87571

REGARDING: Taos Ski-Valley Residence

Dear Bob,

I am writing this to thank you personally for the splendid work you performed for Marlene and myself on our Taos house.

Beginning with our first meeting you listened and heard our feelings and descriptions of the home we desired. You ably translated our thoughts into your preliminary drawings using your expertise to create an exciting as well as livable home from our initial concepts. That in itself displayed a most unique quality.

We were further impressed by your knowledge in the related design and construction areas such as the particular structural, insulation, heating and electrical requirements for the project. Your plan detailing was excellent and from my construction experience equal to or superior in many respects to the work of architects I have worked with in the commercial and industrial areas of construction.

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Taos Ski-Valley Residence  
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We especially appreciated your skill in working with and directing the general contractor and interior designer during the course of construction. Your ability to sacrifice ego for the sake of the project and your "can do" attitude made for one of the most problem-free construction projects I have ever experienced.

The result being one of the most handsome, comfortable and well-built homes we have ever occupied, regardless of locale.

Marlene and I consider ourselves extremely fortunate in having the good luck to have encountered such a talented, caring and hard-working individual in the "wilds" of Northern New Mexico. We would not hesitate in using your services again or recommending you to our friends or business acquaintances.

Sincerely,

WEISS ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Stuart R. Weiss  
President

SRW/rcn



# **DISTINGUISHED ARCHITECTURAL ACHIEVEMENT**

PRESENTED TO

**Robert Sturtcman, Architect**

In recognition of  
Superior Performance in the  
Architectural Design of the  
Taos Civic Plaza  
Taos, New Mexico

**May 17, 1990**



TAOS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

BOX 4239

TAOS, NEW MEXICO 87571

BEATRICE SILVA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
(505) 758-2460

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ROAD  
(505) 758-3930

November 14, 1995

Mr. Robert J. Sturtoman, Architect  
P.O. Box TT  
Taos, New Mexico 87571

Dear Bob:

When I was Housing Director for the Town of Taos, I had the opportunity to work with you on two (2) federal projects, from FY 1991 through part of FY 1993. These were Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Programs (CIAP). (Renovation on Public Housing Units)

At this time I would like to let you know that working with your firm was very enjoyable and educational, due to the professional manner in which you managed the programs. You had the specific knowledge and expertise in the study, design and reporting requirements of the projects.

Your firm had the capacity to provide the requested services for the projects within the time available, because you were involved in the programming design and preparations of construction documents.

Your knowledge and experience with HUD's regulations, procedures and requirements, was beneficial to the agency.

I am presently working with the Taos County Housing Authority, as CIAP Coordinator. We might have the opportunity to work together again.

Sincerely,

  
Betty Martinez  
CIAP Coordinator

**TOWN OF TAOS HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
301 LINDA VISTA LANE  
TAOS, NEW MEXICO 87571  
(505) 758-4312**

**November 08, 1995**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**On April 13, 1993, I was appointed Director of the Town of Taos Housing Department . Upon my first day of employment I took whole responsibility for an on-going Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program Grant. The purpose of this grant was to refurbish and renovate Primary Roof structures that were of traditional flat roof design. This modification was extensive and required expert architectural design. The new design implemented a pitched roof structure with propanel. With that grant, many other renovation modifications were specified and completed. Since the program was completed, we have not experienced any kind of problem.**

**I would like to attribute the success and completion of that modernization project to Mr. Bob Sturtzman. His professionalism and attention to detail made the whole evolution a very pleasant one. In the future I am planning to utilize his architectural services for any project that may require his expertise.**

**If you have any questions, please call me at 758-4312.**

**Sincerely,**



**Evelyn P. Archuleta  
Housing Director**

**Frederick A. Peralta**, Mayor

Councilmen:

**Arturo Archuleta**

**Espil Montoya**

**Bobby F. Duran**

**Frank J. Cruz**

**Gustavo Cordova**, Town Manager



Taos Municipal Building  
400 Camino de la Placita

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November 10, 1995

Robert J. Sturtzman, Architect

Post Office Drawer TT

Taos, New Mexico 87571

Dear Mr. Sturtzman,

As the Director of the Taos Public Library, I would like to express my appreciation for the work you are doing on our new library project. Your creativity and cooperation have, from the very beginning, helped make this proposal an exciting and inspiring adventure.

Over the years that I have worked with you, I have found you to be sensitive to the vision of your client, frugal with available funds and responsible to the completion of the project. Your design, management and judgmental skills during the course of a project are always reassuring, and it is a great pleasure to work with you.

I look forward to the continuation and completion of the new Taos Public Library project with you and your dedicated and hard-working staff.

Sincerely,

Tracy McCallum

Director of Library Services

**Frederick A. Peralta**, Mayor

Councilmen:

**Arturo Archuleta**

**Espil Montoya**

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November 9, 1995

Robert J. Sturtzman, Architect  
P.O. Box TT  
Taos, New Mexico 87571

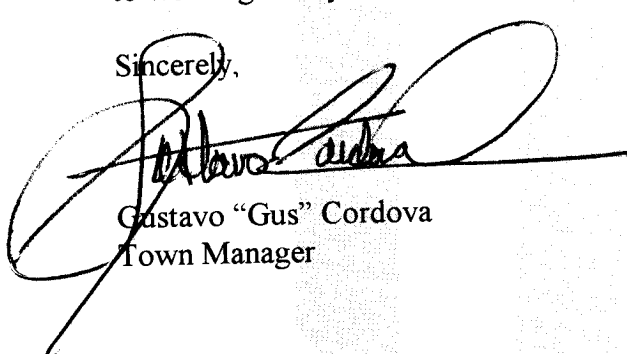
Dear Robert:

On behalf of the administration, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional job you are doing as the "Town's architect". The design you prepared for the new Taos Public Library reflects on your outstanding ability to create a project that preserves the traditional architecture of our historic community.

The staff of the public library have been quite impressed with your approach to developing the program for the building, and the fact that you were sensitive to their needs in preparing the design. We certainly appreciate your diligence in performing periodic inspections during the construction of the project.

I want you to know that we appreciate working with a true professional. I look forward to working with you on future projects.

Sincerely,

  
Gustavo "Gus" Cordova  
Town Manager

GATEWAY to the ENCHANTED CIRCLE



**OFFICE of the MAYOR**

Taos Municipal Building, 114 Armory Street (505) 758-4085 FAX 758-4285  
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ELOY A. JEANTETE, MAYOR

July 17, 1990

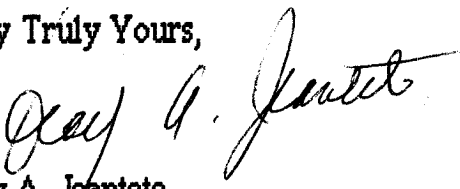
Robert J. Sturtzman  
P.O. Drawer TT  
Taos, New Mexico 87571

Dear Bob:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to you for your assistance with the Taos Civic Plaza project. Your expertise with bid specification and occupancy studies have proved invaluable.

Thanks for making yourself available to the Town staff. Your dedication to this new facility is commendable. The Town employees and community appreciate your hard work.

Very Truly Yours,



Eloy A. Jeantete  
Mayor

TAOS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS  
Administration Building  
1340 Raton Bypass  
Taos, New Mexico 87571

Leonila Serna  
Superintendent



January 17, 1986

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

During my tenure as Superintendent of the Taos Municipal Schools District, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Robert Sturtzman. Mr. Sturtzman has been the architect for several of our educational facilities.

Under Mr. Sturtzman's guidance we have built three gymnasiums, two science facilities, an administration building, an elementary library and various classrooms. In the planning of each mentioned project, Mr. Sturtzman has sought the advice of the educators. This has insured that the needs of the students have been met.

Mr. Sturtzman handles all projects in a most professional manner. His fees are fair and the quality of his performance is exceptional.

I would recommend Mr. Sturtzman as a school buildings architect. We are proud of the work that he has done for us.

Very truly yours,

Leonila Serna  
Superintendent

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TAOS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

P.O. Box 677

Taos, New Mexico

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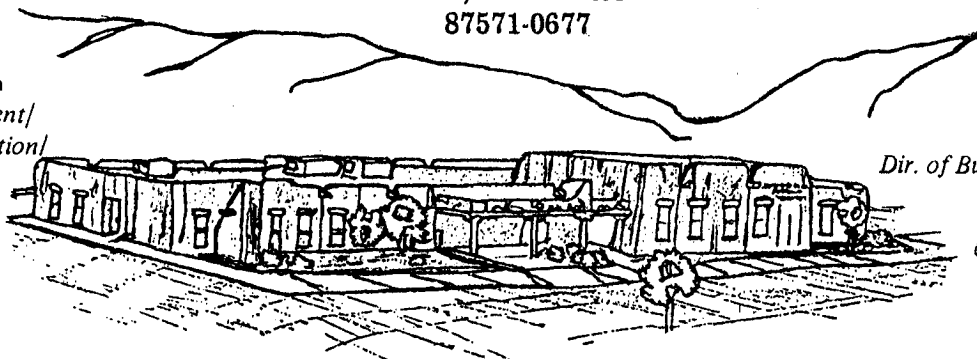
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Robert J. Gonzales  
Dir. of Business Administration

Manuel R. Pacheco  
Dir. of Special Services



December 17, 1985

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We want to verify that Robert J. Sturtzman, AIA-CCS, has designed and served as sole architect for the following Taos Municipal Schools Projects:

Taos Municipal Schools Administration Building  
Taos High School Multi-Purpose Physical Ed Facility  
Taos High Science Complex  
Taos Jr. High Multi-Purpose Physical Ed Facility  
Taos Jr. High Science Complex  
Taos Elementary Library  
Ranchos de Taos Multi-Purpose Physical Ed Facility

He has performed services to our satisfaction and within cost estimates. His services have also been used in several renovation projects.

Sincerely,

Manuel R. Pacheco  
Director of Special Services