



January 14, 2008

Mr. Steve Santacruz  
Santacruz Associates, Ltd.  
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Re: Reagan Memorial Tollway (Fox River Bridge Project)

Dear Mr. Santacruz:

We have worked together on a number of projects over the past few years, but I thought it particularly appropriate to commend you on the acquisition services you provided for the Tollway on the above referenced project. Your responsiveness, your knowledge, your initiative and your expertise all contributed to the successful acquisition of those properties necessary for this project.

Thank you for your continued endeavors on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Busey".

Gregory F. Busey  
Property and Land Acquisition Manager



## VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

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March 9, 2005

Mr. J. Steve Santacruz, J.D., CPA  
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**RE: MEACHAM ROAD PROJECT - Tower Rd. to Algonquin Rd.**

Dear Mr. Santacruz:

The Village of Schaumburg would like to thank Santacruz Associates for all of your tremendous hard work and phenomenal job in getting the right of way certified for the Meacham Road Project, so that it would make the March 11, 2005 letting. With less than 10 weeks from appraisal approval, you were able to successfully negotiate and finalize the transactions in time for final certification by IDOT.

The village is grateful that this project will remain on schedule for completion in June, 2006, which coincides with the opening of the Village of Schaumburg's Convention Center.

Thank you again for your amazing work on this project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. Kasper".

Scott R. Kasper, P.E.  
Senior Civil Engineer

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pc: Director of Engineering and Public Works  
Civil Engineer, Margo Killian

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**Village Manager**  
William T. Lichter

Dear Steve:

I wanted to send a thank-you note for the excellent work you did as our Fee Negotiator in acquiring property for Lombard's Highland Avenue project.

As you know, it is a complicated process when acquiring and certifying parcels for a project in which a Federal Grant is involved. In the Highland Avenue acquisitions, there were many unexpected problems that you solved. Your knowledge of the construction industry, of banking, and applicable laws was invaluable. Since you have many contacts and a lot of experience, you find creative solutions that overcome any obstacles. Your expertise became very evident during the crunch time at the end of the acquisition process when it seemed that many problems beyond your control were going to make the Village miss this construction season.

In many instances, you went above and beyond the call of duty and got the job done. Thank you so much for acquiring and certifying our properties on schedule so that a very important project next to a major Shopping Center will be completed before Thanksgiving.

If we need property acquisition for future projects, you can be sure I will give you a call.

Sincerely,

John Burg, Acting Director of Public Works

"Our shared *Vision* for Lombard is a community of excellence exemplified by its government working together with residents and business to create a distinctive sense of spirit and an outstanding quality of life."

"The *Mission* of the Village of Lombard is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."

# GRAND AVENUE RAILROAD RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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October 4, 2004

Mr. Steve Santacruz  
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Re: Performance Commendation-Grand Avenue Underpass

Dear Mr. Santacruz:

It is with pleasure that I write to officially document my opinion of your outstanding performance for the Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority. You are to be commended for serving this exciting, complex infrastructure investment as one of two land acquisition negotiators. I have come to realize how complicated the land acquisition process is, and with your professional assistance how easy it appears.

Your work on the Grand Avenue Underpass in Franklin Park, Illinois involved the acquisition of full takes, partial takes, permanent easements, temporary easements on thirty-eight (38) parcels. Your effort, based on a typical IDOT project, required almost two years of involvement, and, a lot more independent activity because of GARRA's unique organization (staffless, cashless, and insuranceless). The work could not have occurred as it did without you and your staff's involvement.

I specifically commend you for these service characteristics:

- Communicate to allow all to know what was occurring and why
- Flexibility and drive to keep effort moving despite others' bureaucratic process or attitude
- Collaborative attitude to be part of a comprehensive team, including another negotiator, making the whole far better than the sum of its parts.

Mr. Steve Santacruz

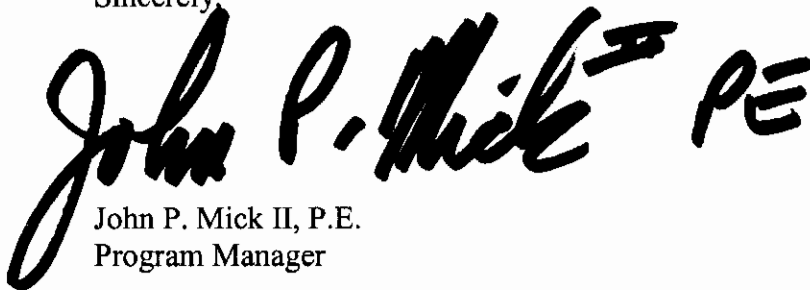
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- Imagination and leadership, exemplified when the team hit a snag or a unique situation, providing ideas and strategies to keep us moving forward.

I'd like to work with you again, and I look forward to that opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Mick II, P.E.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "M". The "II" is written as a superscript, and "P.E." is written in a bold, blocky font to the right of the name.

John P. Mick II, P.E.  
Program Manager