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To Whom it May Concern,

I am currently the Director of Agronomy at Tucson Country Club and have been in the golf business for 30+ years. Over those years, I've been lucky enough to be involved in more than 20 golf course construction and renovation projects. During my time as a golf course Agronomist or project manager I have worked with many of the best architects in the business. I would have to say Mike Gogel and his individual, hands-on approach is as good, if not better than, any of the others I've ever worked with. He was always available when needed. His ability to provide the site information and design plans on the spot, and his attention to detail really set him apart from the others.

The work at Tucson Country Club was difficult due to the lack of available as-builts and accurate information to help set up an easy in-the-field site plan. We were also not only renovating a golf course but building a practice facility and clubhouse for the University of Arizona Men's and Women's golf programs. He was able to help guide us through a few interesting issues and challenging finds along our journey. He always kept a positive approach to work, and his passion for the game of golf is evident in everything he does. He also has an uncanny ability to make sure his designs benefit all the different levels of players at our Club. Too many times a project seems to be geared to the better player without any concern for the larger membership. He made sure to not only make it challenging for the elite player but to make it more enjoyable for the higher handicapped and aging members. This is a rare ability and difficult for any architect to accomplish. I look forward to a continued relationship with him as we help Tucson Country Club get back to the level of excellence it deserves.

Sincerely,

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