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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Douglas County Nebraska Criminal Justice Evaluation 1998

The Institute for Law and Policy Planning, under the leadership of Dr. Alan Kalmanoff, was hired by Douglas County, Nebraska, in 1998 to conduct a countywide criminal justice evaluation to assist the county in determining how best to handle a jail overcrowding situation and to plan for future county jail needs.

I represented the Omaha Police Department on the Executive Committee which made the initial selection of ILPP to complete the project and participated in a number of meetings with Dr. Kalmanoff and Associates on the problems facing Douglas County and the City of Omaha in regard to criminal justice issues.

I can say with all honesty that Dr. Kalmanoff's approach was fair, open-minded, and designed to identify criminal justice problems which were costing the county more money every year. Dr. Kalmanoff's approach was to confront issues head on and, yet, to provide the individual agencies with the opportunity to correct perceived or identified deficiencies before any final report was issued. This ensured that no agency received any "surprises" when the final report was issued.

Dr. Kalmanoff delivered exactly what was promised in his original presentation to the selection committee, which was to give a fair and unbiased recommendation to the county concerning criminal justice issues and recommendations on how to improve efficiencies, reduce backlog, free up jail space, and develop a quality criminal justice system which will ensure fair and equitable treatment of victims and offenders. Dr. Kalmanoff's recommendations, if fully implemented by Douglas County, could have a significant impact on reducing criminal justice expenditures in the county while improving the quality of our entire criminal justice system.

Therefore, I would, without reservation, recommend the Institute for Law and Policy Planning and Dr. Kalmanoff to any other jurisdiction interested in securing their services for such an evaluation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Kathleen Kelley, County Administrator

