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I am proud to recognize the Institute for Law and Policy Planning (ILPP) for its efforts on behalf of the Criminal Justice Policy Board (Board) of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and highly recommend them to your organization. Under the leadership of Board President and Executive Director Dr. Alan Kalmanoff J.D. MSW, Ph.D., the ILPP has provided a sterling work product and valuable guidance to our County as it seeks comprehensive solutions to public safety issues.

The citizens of Allegheny County approved a Home Rule Charter which established a new form of government in 2000 with an elected Chief Executive and appointed Manager. As the first appointed Manager, I sought to address the fragmented decision making, poor communication and lethargic bureaucracy that hampered the government for many years. Based upon recommendations of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, I worked with the local Court Administrator to establish a Board to focus on the public safety aspects of the new government.

A national search for a consultant to assist the process was conducted and the ILPP was the consensus choice. Dr Kalmanoff, with the outstanding assistance of Mr. Thomas A. Eberly, Senior Criminal Justice Planner, helped organize the Board and skillfully worked with its members to establish a new, collaborative way of making public safety decisions. During its first year of operation, the Board focused on jail overcrowding and information technology. With the talented guidance of Dr. Kalmanoff and Mr. Eberly, the Board became a place where a diverse group of elected and appointed officials could comfortably meet and set priorities for important issues of mutual concern. After twelve months, the Board is poised to move into an extensive examination of the criminal justice system in Allegheny County and has a mechanism for building a consensus to resolve its most difficult problems.

Dr. Kalmanoff and Mr. Eberly have a thorough understanding of public policy issues and regularly use their extensive experience to facilitate discussion and identify options for the Board's consideration. They pursue the best interests of their client with determination and deliver their services with a caring, personal touch.

I enthusiastically encourage your organization to consider engaging ILPP. If you have any questions about this recommendation I can be reached at (412) 767-5277 or at webb@nauticom.net

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Webb".

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