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Frederick B. Karl, County Administrator

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Institute for Law & Policy Planning (ILPP) was initially retained by Hillsborough County in March of 1993 to conduct an analysis of the county's jail population and make preliminary recommendations to alleviate crowding and comply with a state lawsuit. Because of the quality of their work, ILPP was subsequently retained to perform a comprehensive review of the county's criminal justice system with the goal of providing county leaders with a long-term plan to address its' local correctional needs. This latter study is still underway.

To date, I have found ILPP's work to be professional, independent and forthright. Dr. Kalmanoff and his colleagues have been able to elicit the important issues facing our local criminal justice system and present them in a nonthreatening way to the county's criminal justice leadership. The feedback I have gotten regarding Dr. Kalmanoff and ILPP is that they are direct and objective, are not influenced by political agendas, and work amiably with all agencies in the system.

I would willingly work with ILPP again for several reasons. Their work has involved detailed research and analysis of the issues at stake and did not start with a preconceived or "canned" agenda. The entire ILPP team is professional and knowledgeable in their field. The findings and recommendations to date have addressed the heart of the problems and have been presented in a manner to facilitate implementation. And finally, the work of ILPP has been presented clearly and persuasively so that it is accessible to the different groups that make up the system.

In its work for Hillsborough County, ILPP has produced recommendations for improving the coordination and policies of different justice agencies. These criminal justice recommendations have the potential to not only save our county millions of dollars annually, but also to more effectively address our own needs and values for criminal justice. I highly recommend ILPP for work in the criminal justice field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Turanchik".

Ed Turanchik, Chairman
Public Safety Coordinating Council

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