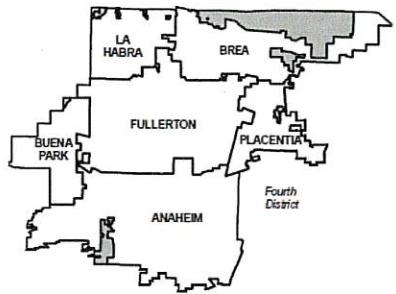




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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of highest recommendation for the Law Offices of Robert Wheatley.

The attorneys at the Law Offices of Robert Wheatley do a great job at defending workers' comp cases but are particularly adept at workers compensation "closing projects." The County of Orange hired them to do a closing project from 2007-2010 and are currently engaged in a second claims closing project. The closing projects helped control the escalating costs of the County's workers compensation program. At the start of the 2007 project, the County's claims reserves were 124 million dollars. At the end of the project, the reserves dropped to 82 million dollars, saving the County 42 million dollars.

As a result of these projects, the County has been able to deploy millions of dollars to other County core functions and we are now experiencing the lowest active claim level of any municipal agency in Southern California. The projects have also significantly impacted the County's exposure to inflationary pressures of long term health care costs.

Should you have any questions or wish to speak with me further about the Law Offices of Robert Wheatley, please feel free to contact me at (714) 834-3440.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Shawn Nelson.

**Shawn Nelson**

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