

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to give tribute to Mike Merick's abilities as a contractor and craftsman. Mike worked for me last year, in two capacities. First, he built a deck for me with stairs, railing and bench out of redwood. He helped design the deck and worked in a timely way, making it very sturdy with extra cement supports beneath. He finished it off with lattice below the deck. It is an attractive and functional addition to my yard, which I have enjoyed very much.

Having been quite pleased with his work, his next project for me was a total remodel of my kitchen. My house was built in 1928, with an average size kitchen and pantry room off the side, leading to the back yard - I wanted to enlarge the kitchen to include the space where the pantry was. Mike had to gut the kitchen down to the studs, remove a wall and replace that with a structural beam. The work included tearing out windows and a back door, installing new windows and sliding door; sheetrocking, plastering and painting the walls; installing lights in the ceiling and under cabinets, electrical outlets, garbage disposal, dishwasher and oven hood, venting through the ceiling; putting in all new cabinets and drawers, sink and counter (which he designed to accommodate the installation of below counter shelves on one side). The cabinets required extensive assembly and detail work which was done impeccably. Mike also sanded down wood flooring in preparation for refinishing. Exterior stucco repair was done over areas where windows and sliding door were installed.

This latter project was quite extensive, but Mike made what could have been overwhelming, a pleasant experience. He met with me for as many times as I needed before the job began, to go over exactly what I wanted, how it could be done and the schedule. He was always upbeat, even when faced with challenges and worked neatly, efficiently and with very high standards. He always checked with me if things were going the way I wanted, and when I would change my mind about something that would require additional work, he did so graciously. He kept to the agreed upon time line and when the project was complete, I had a functional and very beautiful kitchen. I am extremely happy with the whole experience and have recommended Mike as a contractor to friends.

Sincerely,

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