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Mr. Solomon Aryeh
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SUBJECT: Americana at Brand, Glendale, California

Mr. Aryeh:

With the very successful and exciting opening of the Americana at Brand Lifestyle Center, in past spring, it is now time to acknowledge and thank the subcontractor trades that made the opening possible. Thus, I want to personally thank you Solomon and your dedicated staff at SMG Stone for all your hard work and effort on the project.

Caruso Affiliated prides and distinguishes itself from others in the retail industry by their personal touch and service that they provide to their customers and clients. A large part of that is their concierge service. The main escalator lobby and tower is where that service resides at the Americana and it was critical that this showcase element of the center be complete and stunningly elegant for the Grand Opening.

To make the grand opening possible we asked SMG Stone to fabricate and install all the marble flooring, base, column veneers and the main focal point in the lobby space, the onyx concierge's desk, in about six weeks time. SMG accepted this task, took ownership of it and coordinated and planned all the work with the other finish subcontractors in the lobby space. To look at the space today in its finished state, it is quite remarkable the type of effort it took to create this very stunning space. I again want to thank SMG Stone, for making this space and the Americana a success.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark M. Mattias', written in a cursive style.

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