



Cacique Utilities, LLC Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide our strong recommendation for Cacique Utilities, LLC, based on their outstanding performance on the Virginia Street Water Main Replacement project which entailed replacing approximately 2000 LF of 12-inch DIP watermain with 12-inch C900 watermain installed by a combination of open cut and horizontal directional drill completed in 2026.

Throughout the course of the project, Cacique Utilities consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism, technical competence, and attention to detail. The work was completed in accordance with the contract documents, met all applicable codes and standards, and was delivered in less than 6 months of the 13-month schedule and under the \$920,810 budget. Any issues that arose were addressed promptly and effectively, with clear communication and practical solutions. Additionally, they pulled their crews to repair an emergency pipeline failure (in another location) for the City during this time.

Project Manager, David Cacique Jr and Superintendent, Francisco Rosales were outstanding with their project management and coordination. The entire team communicated clearly; maintained a clean, safe and orderly job site; and worked cooperatively with inspectors, residents, and stakeholders. They were responsive to questions and change requests and ensured that expectations were clearly understood at every stage of the project.

Based on our experience, I would not hesitate to recommend Cacique Utilities for similar construction projects. They are a reliable and capable contractor, and I would gladly work with them again in the future.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

On behalf of the entire Dunedin Utilities staff, I want to thank and commend the Cacique team for the remarkable and successful construction project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clayton Watkins".

Clayton Watkins, P.E.
Director of Utilities and Engineering

Cc: Alex Gonzalez, P.E.
Mike Blanton, Water Distribution Manager