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Dear Ron,

Olivia Sklar, our wonderful next-door neighbor whose friendship Alfred and I treasure (along with that of her husband, Peter Powchik) asked me to write you a letter about her carport project. It is my pleasure!

Olivia is one of the warmest, nicest, most creative, ebullient, intelligent people I know. She is a perfect next-door neighbor, even going so far as to share, on occasion, her figs when they are at the peak of ripeness and perfect for eating. How many people do that?

I love when she and I bump into each other and she has time to talk because then we can chat about the theater (she co-founded and ran for ages Hudson Stage), and it is so interesting to me. I love what Olivia and Peter have done with their beautiful home—it enhances Georgia Lane—and any time they've made a change or improvement they have given us a heads-up so we are in the loop. As they have done now with the carport project, so Alfred and I have no objection to their building it.

Olivia is generous in sharing her valuable contacts so when I ask for a recommendation for this or that, she gives me one or two and they're always fabulous. Alfred concurs.

I hope this brief letter lets you know what I think of Olivia and Peter as friends and neighbors, and I hope this letter serves its purpose. Please call me if you need more information.

Best wishes,
Katherine

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