
April 30, 2004

Paragon Awards Committee
National Apartment Association
201 N. Union Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Paragon Award Submission for Lincoln Green Apartments

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I contribute this short note to document that Burkely Property Group and its community, Lincoln Green Apartments, are members in good standing with the Triad Apartment Association. Oh, that all owners were in as "good standing" as Burkely Property!!

Not only is Lincoln Green the largest community in our local association but perhaps the most active as well. Lincoln Green's Community Manager, Jody Longwill, just finished two terms as TAA's President and continues her dedicated Board service as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Co-chair of the Education Committee. (She also won our local Community Manager of the Year Award for 2003.) Its Assistant Community Manager serves on the Program Committee and teaches CAM classes. Its Maintenance Director team teaches the CAM maintenance module with Lincoln Green's Community Manager. Further, the whole staff avails itself of the full range of professional enrichment offered by the Triad Apartment Association.

Lincoln Green and its staff are of award winning caliber, too. Just last year they garnered Community Manager and Leasing Consultant of the Year from among our local association's 250 communities. They might have won more if it were not for what our Program Committee calls "the Lincoln Green Rule." It states, "No community, person, or vendor can win the same award two consecutive years!" Still, they have accumulated these over the last few years:

1999 Leasing Professional of the Year- Gennie Ray
2000 Property of the Year
2001 Maintenance Technician of the Year - Mike Franklin
2001 Maintenance Supervisor of the Year - Kevin Cooper
2001 Leasing Professional of the Year - Dainese Kever
2002 Property of the Year
2003 Manager of the Year - Jody Longwill
2003 Leasing Professional of the Year - Dena Farlow
2003 President's Choice Award - Sterling Kelly
2003 - TAA's Top Fundraiser Award for Victory Junction Gang Camp

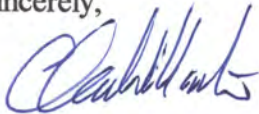
Such involvement and excellence are a product of the passion and discipline of Burkely Property's leadership. Burkely's principal, Sterling Kelly, led our local association's effort to block mandatory city inspections for rental property and continues to mentor several individuals new to

local government affairs. He, too, received a local association award for his personal efforts on behalf of the industry last year.

You see, it's the Burkely way: to lead and encourage, to strive for excellence, and to cheerfully persevere. They are a group that does whatever is necessary to be the best, the very best, as measured by any standard, but especially as measured by the Burkely standard.

As you can tell, I proud to be associated with such a group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clarke Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "M".

Clarke Martin
Executive Director