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**Subject:** Officer Matthews

Dear Members of the Committee,

Thank you in advance for the time you will take reading through this email in its entirety. Also, thank you for volunteering your time to listen and make recommendations and decisions regarding the onboarding of a new Chief.

I write you to show my support for Officer Matthews, a man that has treated my family like his very own since the first day I moved in to the colony.

I cannot tell you how disappointed and shocked I was when I heard that Jim Matthews was potentially being over looked as a replacement for Chief. Based on the turnout of the last meeting I clearly don't stand alone. I could not in good conscious standby without at least expressing my concern.

There is no one more qualified and suitable for Chief than Officer Matthews. He has all the necessary experience (in fact he's likely overqualified) and in addition he takes so much pride in getting to know everyone and truly defines what it means to have community policing. There are many officers I still don't know and that have never taken the time to get to know any of us. I have relied on Jim's help so many times I can't even count. He has helped me from stuff as serious as a carbon monoxide scare, and

one of the kids cutting their foot opened and needing stitches, to things as silly as helping me catch my cat that got out. He helped and checked on everyone through every hurricane evacuation, even helping me set up my generator to make sure it worked. He has hand delivered information that I needed not only to be sure I got it but to make sure I understood it which was really an effort to make sure I didn't feel like I was being treated unfairly. He's locked up my house a few times when I overlooked closing my front door. He's called to tell me my windows were down right before a storm. He doesn't miss a thing and goes above and beyond to make sure everyone feels safe. There isn't enough time for me to list out the countless ways Officer Matthews has positively impacted my family and this community. The safety and security he brings to the Colony is not something that is easily replicated. It will be extremely disappointing if Jim is not promoted to Chief. Imagine working tirelessly to go above and beyond to serve a community that you genuinely treat like family only to not be rewarded? I suspect that much of the colony feels the same way I do and I hope they also use their voice and not only express their concern but show their support.

I am trying to shed positive light and support of Jim Matthews but I also cannot ignore the fact that Alex Freeman has quite the electronic footprint and the internet does not share such wonderful news regarding his history with his former PD. Of course you cannot believe everything on the internet but there is a substantial amount of derogatory information that after careful research has proven to be accurate and factual. In addition he has had some financial issues turmoil that is also public information on the Palm Beach County Clerk website. Financial literacy and being financially responsible with a good credit score should be part of any Background Check for any public official and I have to really question what type of background check was done given all of this readily available information.

To that end, and one final concern as a tax payer... is it really necessary to have a Deputy Chief and a Chief for 244 homes; in a neighborhood with essentially no crime? This seems financially wreck-less and completely unwarranted.

Again, I really thank you for taking the time to read this email in its entirety as I know it was a long one... I trust that this committee will really hear the people and base any decisions on what the community wants. And, I think the communities presence at the last meeting speaks very loud.

Thanks again....  
Respectfully,  
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