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**Subject: Jupiter Inlet Colony Chief of Police**

May 9, 2023

Sheri Resnick,

It is our understanding that you have been contacted to search for candidates for the position of Chief of Police. As residents of Jupiter Inlet Colony, we would like to take this opportunity to offer you an insight into our community, and especially our experience with Captain Jim Matthews.

We have been property owners in the Colony since 2011. We were there, in the old Town Hall, when the vote occurred for Chief Pruitt. There was no nationwide search, no monies to be spent on background checks and no committee formed to make recommendations. It was a simple process. Chief Pruitt was a qualified candidate and known to the Community. Thus, he moved up the ladder and everyone in that room was elated.

You can't imagine our astonishment when that process was not repeated

for Captain Jim Matthews. He is, without a doubt, **THE** face of Jupiter Inlet Colony. He represents all the best qualities that an officer of the law should possess. When you look at candidates, please consider the following questions.

Have they, in their past, been wholeheartedly trusted by the people in the community they served? Jim Matthews has and continues to be. We have put our lives in his hands. Have we ever regretted it? Absolutely not. Just the opposite, we feel safe. How many others in this county, state or nation would love to have the luxury of that.

Were they ever accused of dishonesty in their previous jobs? Jim Matthews has not. We have found him to be completely honest and straightforward with everyone.

How have they reacted in highly volatile situations? Jim Matthews has a background of de-escalating such situations and we, the community are the beneficiaries of such experience.

Can the communities they served, name times when they went above and beyond? This community can. He gave of himself in so many ways. When a wife had problems with their Alzheimer's spouse, he went without hesitation to help talk him through his episodes. He was there for a wife, whose husband was dying, to take care of anything she needed. Not to mention the small things like checked on an elderly person, taken trash cans to the curb to help someone who couldn't, put up a new mailbox because a truck hit it or helping with a gate after a hurricane. The list goes on and on.

It is therefore, with great pride and confidence, that we formally endorse Captain Jim Matthews for the job of Chief of Police.

Deborah & Taw Richardson

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Cc: Jupiter Inlet Colony Mayor, Commissioners and Members of the Chief of Police Selection Committee

