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Dear Commission and Appointed Special Committee Members,

We appreciate your willingness and dedication to continually involve yourselves in our beloved JIC.

More so, we appreciate the ability to communicate openly even when the sentiment is not optimal.

The community is at a turning point and change is inevitable and Imminent. It has been an unfortunate and unnecessary course of events. But certainly a long time coming.

Clearly, the driver of the school bus has continued to make poor decisions which do not represent the stakeholders.

The people have had enough! This has been ongoing for the 2 decades we have lived in JIC.

It is apparent, the firing of Jim Matthews was a personal score and had nothing to do with the sentiment of the community.

We are writing in support of Jim Matthews, for the position of Director of Security/Cheif of police.

I say DIRECTOR because, we don't need a paper pushing chief of police to sit behind a desk, waste our tax dollars at a 6 digit salary and become a cog in the wheel.

We need a working director/ chief who participates in the daily/weekly patrol, coordinates with surrounding entities and directly and actively manages our security detail. There is still much work to be completed in this arena as everyone knows.

And if this is matter of semantics, between Director or Cheif, we support JIM MATHEWS fully as either.

Jim has an impeccable resume prior to coming to JIC. As well, over the last 10.5 years Jim's dedication to this community is unrivaled. Always fair, always caring , always honest and always working and visible. Honesty is critical. And without honest and leadership, a community starts to disintegrate as it has.

Jim is an asset to our community and we are lucky to have Jim. Moreso, we are lucky Jim cares enough about JIC to fight for what is right.

It's interesting how the most honest and unbiased individual was fired from JIC.

The one who really cares and puts the people first, not his personal wants, needs and desires.

We have no doubt , Jim will create an ethical, honest and transparent town which every stakeholder deserves at this point.

We don't need or require the continued bureaucracy in this town. The people want a say in what goes on.

Jim was fired for a nefarious reason against the will of the MAJORITY of the residents and without consultation of the town commission or residents. Various individuals within the confines of our town have disseminated lies regarding Jim. Saying he slept with neighbors, he was wrongfully dismissed from his previous employer at the DEA and was acting irrationally.

Jim is the most stable and rational human who has ever set down at JIC. And everyone is aware, the town has hosted many terrible characters over the decades. And JIM is certainly not one of them.

The corruption and poor decisions in town hall are a boon for this community and have been for 2 decades.

Individuals have been hired by our leaders over the decades who do not represent the ethos of the residents or town character. Who would have believed this !

Although, Jim Mathews represents what our town could and should be.

Clearly, our town would benefit from a survey expressing the opinion of each resident.

A simple online proxy system representing each stakeholder would prove to end this arduous process.

Simply asking each resident if Jim Mathews should be rehired and designated Director of Security/ Cheif of police. What do you think the results would be ?

A town representing the people allows the entire town to vote by proxy thru digital means. It is 2023.

The bylaws must be changed to represent the people and decentralize the power out of one persons hands. This has proven to be catastrophic.

Why are we going thru an expensive and time consuming national Search ?

And why does the ultimate decision rest in few hands?

Does this sound logical? Or represent the people?

We have the best candidate right under our nose. With a tried and true history of excellence at JIC.

I believe if we had a vote by the residents, the community would immediately reinstate and appoint officer Jim Mathews to Director of Security/ Chief of police. This sentiment is a clear !

It appears we continue to be a community where decisions are made by the minority, not the majority. And this is simply unacceptable.

We also oppose officer freeman even being considered a candidate for cheif of police, as mayor Dan so tried. In addition, most of our residents had no idea he was hired.

Upon finding out, they were appalled he was hired and was even being considered for a leadership role in JIC.

Enough said, it's time for change. Consider halting the search, proxy the residents and appoint Jim Mathews. The results would be unequivocal. We appreciate your time,

Sincerely,

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