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**Subject:** Fwd: A Letter  
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Chip Block  
Vice Mayor, Jupiter Inlet Colony  
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**From:** carmenpepper2@verizon.net  
**Date:** April 20, 2023 at 7:33:35 PM EDT  
**To:** Chip Block <blockc@jupiterinletcolony.org>  
**Subject:** A Letter

Vice Mayor Chip Block,

Thank you for your selfless service to our community. I'd like to tell you about an incident at JIC. I am a woman of color who owns a home in this beautiful community. My parents were born in Puerto Rico .

On a Sunday evening I was putting out my trash, and I was approached by a neighbor. She was in her golf cart. She said, "Why isn't your white boyfriend putting out the trash?" I was shocked, appalled, and disgusted by her racist statement. I was so stunned, that the only thing that I could say was "He's doing the dishes." This outright prejudice brought me back to the pain I felt during my childhood when I was treated with the same disrespect and discrimination.

Little did I realize Captain Matthews was behind her. He was patrolling the neighborhood in his usual stealth-like manner. He spoke with her in her driveway. From where I was standing, still in shock, I could hear her say, "What did I do now?" I can't begin to describe the feelings I felt knowing that Captain Matthews came to my defense and quickly handled the situation. This woman tried to take something from me emotionally, and Captain Matthews with his quick action helped me to get it back. I was extremely grateful for his help. I filed a complaint the following day with the JIC police. Thankfully this neighbor has moved out of the community.

Captain Matthews is an exemplary officer. He possesses and demonstrates integrity, and has great community awareness, courage, and critical thinking skills. He is invaluable to our community

Thank you for your time .

Carmen Grainger  
150 Beacon Lane

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