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To: Neil Weidman, *President of Pompano Beach Professional Firefighters | Local 1549*

Re: Contract, Endorsement & My Message of Support

DEAR NEIL,

I appreciate your time and insight into the endorsement process of the Pompano Beach Professional Firefighters, Local 1549. The service and dedication of first responders to our community is the backbone of our City. We hope to never need you, but if the day comes, we are blessed to be in the capable, professional hands of the men and women who dedicate their lives to this job. Day after day we rely on you to respond to the worst while we expect the best. Our Pompano Beach Fire Department always rises to the challenge.

I am running for Pompano Beach City Commission, District 3. My candidacy is based on an effort to change how decisions are made at our City. I will work to promote a culture of respect and transparency. I will thoroughly analyze and understand issues. I will be fair and listen to residents and reflect that in my votes. There are many areas of the City I want to change; however, our unwavering support of you is not one of those areas. Pompano Beach should be a leader and an example to other cities in how we take care of our first responders.

My brother-in-law and father-in-law are both firefighters. I know the impact of tragedies encountered on the job do not go away when the uniform comes off. It isn't simply a job, it's a life. I want to assure you that I wholeheartedly support you and your colleagues.

Pompano Beach is not a simple city. We have busy roads, multiple train crossings, a bustling beach, numerous waterways and span a diverse 25 square miles. We are a growing City with new challenges. Last year the City installed physical roadblocks on Atlantic & Dixie making your job even more difficult. I am committed to fighting for our major roads and our neighborhood streets. Many people fear that the traffic speeding through our neighborhoods is a disaster waiting to happen for our children or pets. I also worry about this. We need our neighborhoods to be safe for children and our major roadways to flow for cars and emergency vehicles.

This election cycle I understand that you have chosen to endorse the incumbent. I want to assure you that I will also be a partner and an ally to first responders. For your sacrifice and work you deserve to be compensated more than fairly. I am in support of your proposed contract. You also deserve proper attention to mental health, a secure pension and an advocate who will listen and find ways to make your job easier. I can assure you that I will always look out for you.

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