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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Mounir Bouyounes, PE – Marion County Administrator
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Re: Proposed “Don R. Moreland Criminal Justice Complex”

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Dear Mr. ~~Bouyounes~~:

Please allow this letter to serve as my support in naming the “Don R. Moreland Criminal Justice Complex” as proposed by the Honorable John Futch, Retired Marion County Judge.

I was hired by Sheriff Moreland as a Deputy Sheriff in March 1984 after working as a Police Officer with the Ocala Police Department for two years. My decision to become a Deputy Sheriff was because of the reputation, integrity and professionalism of the Sheriff’s Office under Sheriff Moreland. My career as you know culminated after 28 years and retiring as Chief of Staff.

Sheriff Moreland was known as a true leader and visionary in the law enforcement community that went far beyond Marion County. His leadership helped shape my career and many others in law enforcement over the years.

This tribute for Sheriff Moreland is one that is well deserved.

Best regards,

Tom Wilder

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Cc: Craig Curry – Commissioner District 1
Kathy Bryant – Commissioner District 2
Matt McClain - Commissioner District 3
Carl Zalak, III - Commissioner District 4
Michelle Stone - Commissioner District 5