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Chair Skaar, Vice Chair Bell, Commissioner Yamamoto:

We watched with great interest the Commissioners' Candidate Forum last evening, Monday, October 16. We understand from comments made at the end of the meeting that it is possible that you will choose a successor to fill the vacancy to be left by the Honorable Commissioner Yamamoto at your Board meeting this Wednesday, October 18. So we wanted to give you our thoughts before then.

We found the format of the Candidate Forum to be enlightening and to provide much information about the qualifications and background of the candidates and their respective positions about various important issues that the County and Commissioners will face in the next year. We do not envy you having to make a choice among so many qualified candidates.

We would like to put in a good word for one of the candidates, Jerry Keene. Over the last two years, we attended almost all the meetings of the County's Short Term Rental Advisory Committee. During that time, we have also interacted or worked with Jerry on several County and community matters. Jerry is an ideal person to fill the vacant Commissioner's seat. He is intelligent, articulate, thorough, hardworking and well versed in County issues. He always conducts himself as a citizen and representative should. He is civil, diplomatic, and congenial. He is a good listener and strives to fully understand all competing viewpoints and seek consensus among them, even as he is an advocate for positions he strongly believes are best for the County and his community.

You have a wealth of candidates from which to choose. We know you will seriously consider Jerry Keene. It's a hard choice, but given the information available to us, if it was our choice we would choose Jerry to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Yamamoto.

Thank you all for all you do for the County.

Best regards,

Tom and Vickie Prehoditch