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Via PDF Email

Mr. Dave Eggers Commissioner District 4-Countywide 315 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: PALM HARBOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY, INC.

Dear Commissioner Eggers:

I have had the pleasure of representing the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency for over 15 years. During that time, I have worked with numerous volunteer Board Members. As you aware, the governing body of the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency is provided through Pinellas County Code of Ordinance Sec. 14-213. This provision established that the Board of Directors may serve no more than two (2) successive terms. I am requesting that the County Commission reconsider this provision.

I do not believe that there is anyone on the County Commission that is more familiar with this Board then you are. You are aware that this is a unique entity made up of eight individual Board Members that are appointed by both the County Commission and individual volunteer groups representing East Lake Library, East Lake Recreation, Palm Harbor Library, and Palm Harbor Recreation. I firmly believe that it would be in the best interest of the East Lake and Palm Harbor residents for the County Commission to reconsider the restrictive provision regarding service on the Board.

The dedicated individuals who currently serve on the Board offer unique perspectives of North Pinellas County and more particular the needs of recreation and library services in that area. In a time where experienced volunteers are difficult to find, I strongly urge the County Commission consider the ability of appointing individuals to continue on the Board. If term limits remain in place the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency Board will lose significant 00287291.DOCX

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experienced leadership and with unique aspects of this particular Board, involving four separate directors and departments, a dearth of experienced leadership could become extremely problematic.

I understand the need for term limits, in this case, however, removing the seasoned Board Members could result in an unintended hardship to the future of Palm Harbor Community Services Agency. Therefore, as previously stated, I request the County Commission reconsider the term limitations for Palm Harbor Community Services Agency Board of Directors.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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