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To Members of the Planning Board:

I am writing this letter in support of the application for Vacation Rental-Conditional Use Permit submitted by Gus Fort.

As a vacation rental permit holder myself, I can attest to the benefits to the City of Fort Pierce that vacation rentals bring. Since my permit was approved a month ago, I hosted several renters. All stated how much they enjoyed exploring the area. None of my renters had been to the Fort Pierce -Hutchinson Island area previously. Moreover, all stated that they would be returning. This is precisely why vacation rentals are good for the City's economy. Not only do they bring in tax dollars, but also revenue to area businesses. Furthermore, they help to improve the reputation of the City.

Gus Fort is a conscientious, kind, and responsible businessman. He lives locally and supports the St Lucie County community. He takes pride in his properties and continues to work towards improvement. Gus has served as the President of the Boardwalk Condo Association Board for 4 years and has volunteered countless hours to ensure that the property is maintained and enhanced. I believe that his efforts will only increase with this permit approval. Furthermore, Gus has contracted a local Fort Pierce resident to serve as his property manager, Alex Saffron. Alex will be available to respond to any emergencies. Alex is very familiar with the property as he serves as my property manager too.

I can say without any hesitation that Gus Fort will be an accountable and attentive conditional use permit holder.

Sincerely,

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