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Veronica Chainey, Zoning Board Chairwoman
City of Millville
12 S. High Street, P.O. Box 609
Millville, NJ 08332

Re: Cumberland County Department of Planning Restructuring

Dear Chairwoman Chainey:

I am writing to let you know about several changes coming to the Cumberland County Department of Planning and the Development Review Committee/Planning Board. As you may be aware, earlier this year I was appointed Department Head by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Soon after this announcement, COVID-19 hit our community, which impacted every facet of our lives. The challenges faced due to this pandemic caused all of us to re-assess priorities, and in the Planning Department this resulted in a couple of long-serving staff members announcing their retirement. Both Robert Brewer and Sherry Riendeau announced they will be retiring on September 1st. Bob and Sherry have served in the department for over 20 years each and while we are happy to see them taking the time to enjoy their deserved retirement, it is also difficult to see them leaving us. While we are sorry to see these departures, it is certainly understandable and we have taken this news as an opportunity to more fully restructure the department.

First, while we are called the Department of Planning, we do much more than planning and development review. We also manage cultural and heritage, tourism, recreation, open space preservation, farmland preservation, Geographic Information Services, census and data analytics, management of the County Fairgrounds, shared services, and any number of other initiatives. The Freeholders believe our name needs to better reflect all the work we do. This is why we are in the process of changing our name to the Department of Planning, Tourism & Community Affairs. All of our work is important and we want the community to understand we value every aspect.

Second, we are restructuring the work within the department. Our own Jennifer Morgan (jennifermo@co.cumberland.nj.us) is becoming our new Office Manager and will be handling the Development Review work that Sherry has so adeptly managed over the last several years. When you interact with Jen, congratulate her on her advancement – she holds 20 years of service in the department and has been a dedicated member of our departmental team.

For me, I will be taking on the title of Planning Director as well as Department Head. My degrees from Rowan University and the University of Pennsylvania as well as my planning licensing at the state and national levels have prepared me to take on this responsibility. I have served in the department for 20 years, and I am excited to move forward in this new effort.

Please take an opportunity over the next few weeks to call Bob and Sherry and wish them well on their much deserved retirement. If you have any questions for me, don't hesitate to reach out. My office contact is in the footer of this letter, my email is mattpi@co.cumberland.nj.us and my cell phone number is (856) 332-2844. I am here for you, so never hesitate to text or call. On behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and all of us at the county, thank you for working with us on the thoughtful development of our county.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew E. Pisarski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M".

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C: Jennifer Morgan