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Attention: Board of Supervisors

I am pleased to recommend Cherla Ramsey as a candidate for your Workforce Development Board. Cherla has been training and managing crews for jobs within her technical industry for many years and has a firsthand knowledge of the skills and education that potential employees need to possess to flourish in this job market. Today's employees are constantly challenged by fast changing technology and instant communication demands. Cherla will be an asset to your organization because she successfully practices and promotes these skills so necessary within her own business environment.

Cherla has been involved in multiple Chamber activities and has proven that she truly has a heart for helping our community grow, achieve a better lifestyle, and also personally give back to our community. She not only provided a piece of heavy equipment but also operated it when our Gila Valley Leadership Class established a walking path around the local cancer treatment center. She knows what it takes to get the job done and does it. That knowledge will be important in job development decisions decided by your Board.

Cherla has effectively spearheaded numerous local triathlons promoting better health and physical fitness for youth and community members. Those events were a huge economic bonus for business in our valley as well as attracting visitors from around the state; many have returned after seeing the cooperation and enthusiasm demonstrated by the leaders, thanks to Cherla. She understands and implements collaborative efforts that support and sustain growth in our communities; she sees the big picture and understands planning for the future.

I could list many other examples, but suffice it to say that I believe Cherla will make an excellent member of your Board. She has told me that she has the desire to help and can work out the time required to be effective. I hope you will choose Cherla Ramsey. Please contact me if I may answer any questions or list further reasons for this good choice.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Freestone".

Marie Freestone
President/CEO

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ought to be...*