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December 3, 2009

DEAR SUPERVISOR BRIGGS:

With regard to the interim appointment to Sheriff presently under consideration by the Board of Supervisors, the Deputy Sheriffs' Association wishes to provide you with our full and free letter of support for Undersheriff Fred Kollar in assuming that position. It is our contention that Undersheriff Kollar's knowledge, experience and skills in leading this department will prove over the next year to be the difference between success and failure in meeting our ongoing mission as El Dorado County's primary law enforcement agency. Fred Kollar's commitment to being an effective leader, his intimate knowledge of both the agency's evolving budget and county's fiscal condition, and his proven track record of competent and steady performance as our Undersheriff make him uniquely qualified to hold the position at this time.

Accordingly, it is my strong personal belief, and the overwhelming belief of the deputy sheriffs and criminal investigators I represent, that only Fred Kollar is fully prepared to lead the department at this juncture, and that delaying his appointment to Sheriff serves only to further hamper our mission in protecting and serving our citizens.

On behalf of the men and women in uniform here at the Sheriff's Office, we would ask for your commitment to doing what is right at this critical time and immediately appoint Undersheriff Fred Kollar to the position of Sheriff for the remainder of outgoing Sheriff Jeff Neves' term. Please understand that our Association stands in full opposition to the appointment of any other person to the sheriff's position on an interim basis, and that we are unequivocal in our contention that once appointed, Undersheriff Kollar be provided the full wage and benefit of the position in which he will serve. We stand ready to assert our position in both cases publicly to whatever degree might be required in the coming weeks.

We greatly appreciate all that the Board of Supervisors is doing in exercising caution in the process of selecting an interim replacement for Sheriff Neves, but are convinced that delaying this process into January will have a deleterious effect on our agency.

Respectfully yours,

Donald Atkinson
President

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