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Dear Mr. Cohen;

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City of Lake Worth have undertaken substantial projects within the past few years. These include the development of over 150 new housing units built with Neighborhood Stabilization Funds, the completion of the Beach Casino Project, and the rewriting of the Land Development Regulations, just to name a few. In fact, the City will go to the voters in August to pass a \$63.5M bond to invest in infrastructure improvements that will improve and public safety and enhance the quality of life. Collectively, these projects will ensure sustainable growth for our City and provide for continued opportunities for jobs, housing and investment.

Economic development in Lake Worth is a priority for our Board and the City Administration. We all understand the importance of public transit as it provides economic and social opportunities and benefits that result in positive multipliers effects such as better accessibility to markets, employment and increased investments. Our economic development efforts will be strengthened by having Palm Tran serve our area as economies that possess greater mobility grow faster than those with less.

We ask that Palm Tran consider returning the Lake Worth Beach shuttle, extending the service and adding other routes that connect the Beach to shopping centers, downtown, Tri-Rail and City amenities and businesses. We believe that with consistent service, ridership will increase and more and more residents and visitors will access public transportation.

Sincerely,

Cary Sabol
CRA Chair

Cc: CRA Commissioners
David Tolces, CRA Attorney
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