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Dear Commissioners Maughan, Stubs, and Harvey,

Approving Mr. Ricky Eldredge to serve on the San Juan Counseling Center Board of Directors will ensure the board remains at full strength while strengthening its administrative oversight.

Ricky brings a wealth of public service experience and leadership that will make him an outstanding addition to the board. Throughout his career as a Utah State Highway Patrolman and later as the Sheriff of San Juan County, he worked closely with individuals, families, and communities facing the very real challenges associated with poor mental health and substance abuse.

His years in law enforcement provided him with a unique and practical understanding of how mental health and addiction impact public safety, family stability, and community well-being. Ricky has consistently demonstrated compassion, sound judgment, and a commitment helping people during difficult circumstances. He understands the importance of collaboration between law enforcement, mental health professionals, and community organizations in addressing these complex issues effectively.

In addition to his law enforcement background, Ricky now successfully operates his own business, continuing his long-standing commitment to serving and strengthening the local community. He also volunteers his time with the local high school as an assistant football coach, where he serves as a positive mentor and role model for young people.

Ricky is well respected for his integrity, leadership, and dedication to the people of San Juan County. His perspective, experience, and community involvement will make him a tremendous asset to the San Juan Counseling Mental Health Board of Directors, and I am confident he will contribute thoughtfully and responsibly in this role.

I appreciate the commissioner's approval of Mr. Eldredge to serve on the SJC Mental Health Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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San Juan Counseling Board of Directors

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