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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 183-2017

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: November 3, 2017
Subject: **BHV Police Officers' Retirement Board Candidate - Gerald Rosen**

The purpose of this Letter to the Council is to provide you with a potential appointment for the Bal Harbour Village Police Officers' Retirement Board.

As you know, the Board is comprised of five (5) members: two are elected by the Police Pension Plan Members, two are appointed by Council at large, and the fifth member is appointed by the other four members. The qualifications are that the two elected members must also be members of the pension plan, the two appointed members must be residents of Bal Harbour Village. There are no residency or plan requirements for the fifth member. As of this writing, the terms the Council appointees have expired. At your October Village Council meeting you ratified the election of the two new members of the Board. However, the terms of the Council appointed seats and the seat recommended by the board have expired.

At this time, the current composition of the Police Pension Board is as follows:

- Dr. Abraham Gotman, appointed by Council (term expired)
- David Levin, appointed by Council (term expired)
- Gregory Matthews, elected by pension members
- Ronald Smith, elected by pension members
- Daniel Gold, appointed by the other Board members

It is my recommendation that you discuss and make appointments at your upcoming November Village Council meeting.

I routinely review our Board and Committee structure to make sure that they are operating effectively and pursuant to the Code. During this recent budget cycle, we had some difficulty achieving and keeping a quorum for many of our meetings. In part, this is a result of the timing of the budget process and the travel schedules of some of the members. One member, Gerald Rosen is a good contributor, but was out of town during most of the

budget cycle. He actively participated by telephone, but was not available in person to count for quorum. In reviewing the Police Officers' Retirement Board composition, it became apparent, that Mr. Rosen, who desires to contribute his time and experience would be a great addition to the Police Officers' Retirement Board, thereby allowing Councilman Salver to appoint a replacement who could better accommodate the schedule and at the same time allow Mr. Rosen to continue to volunteer his services. Mr. Rosen has advised us that he would be interested in serving on the Police Officer's Retirement Board. I recommend he be appointed to fill one of the expired terms appointed by Council.

Given that the above appointment would result in three new members of the Police Pension Board, and in an effort to ensure some continuity on the Board, I recommend that the second expired term appointed by the Council be filled by Mr. David Levin, a current member.

Finally, once the four members have been seated, they should be tasked with making a recommendation to the Council for the fifth member.

Attached you will find the material provided on Mr. Rosen when he was first appointed to the Budget Advisory Committee.

An item will be placed on your November 21, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda to consider appointments to the Police Pension Board. Should you have others who could serve on the Board, please forward them to me for inclusion and consideration.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact me directly.

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