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SENATOR DANIEL WEBSTER

Majority Leader
9th District

April 23, 2007

The Honorable Don Garrett, Mayor
City of Belle Glade
110 Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, West
Belle Glade, Florida 33430

Dear Mayor and City Commission Members:

It is my pleasure to recommend Sharon Merchant for Interim City Manager of Belle Glade.

During the late 1980's Sharon served as a Legislative Assistant to Representative Marian Lewis, who coincidentally represented Belle Glade. Later she served in the Florida House of Representatives for eight years.

During the 20 years I have known Sharon, it has always been clear that she is a natural leader. I have never seen her back down from a challenging job. While I was Speaker of the House, Sharon served as Chair of the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee for two years. She managed her budget wisely and actually spent less than the previous year's budget.

The two previous years Sharon served as Vice Chair of the Telecommunications Committee, during the time we deregulated the industry. Sharon made sure that everyone got a fair hearing and that all sides were given a chance to speak.

Sharon is reliable, committed to public service, and very capable of working through difficult negotiations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance on Sharon's behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Webster".

Daniel Webster,
Senate Majority Leader
Senate District 9

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