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Director of Community Affairs/Growth Management
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Marco Island, FL 34145

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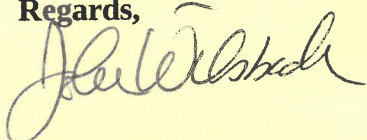
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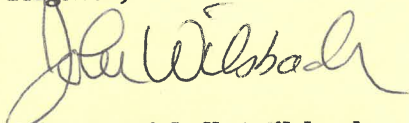
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