



October 1, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable City Council
City of Ocala, Florida
110 S.E. Watula Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

RE: Nomination of Michael T. Balken as Chief of Police

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

I write as Mayor for the City of Ocala, Florida, in accordance with Section 2.08 of the *Charter* of the City of Ocala, Florida and with regard to the above-referenced matter.

Pursuant to the requirement of Section 2.08, of the *Charter* of the City of Ocala, Florida, I hereby nominate Michael T. Balken to serve as Chief of Police for the City of Ocala, Florida for a two-year term commencing on November 1, 2024.

In the event that you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very sincerely and respectfully,

Benjamin Marciano