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Vero Heritage, Inc.
Heritage Center / Indian River Citrus Museum

September 25, 2009

The Honorable Gary Wheeler, Chairman
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

This letter is written in support of the proposed rail service for the city of Vero Beach.

The Board of Directors of Vero Heritage, Inc. has been briefed on the plans for rail service, including the station location summary, and we want to lend our voice to those in favor of establishing rail service on the Treasure Coast. Our building, the Heritage Center/Indian River Citrus Museum, listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, sits immediately adjacent to the rail lines. Since 1935 those using our building have watched as trains passed through town... wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to, once again, greet visitors as they alight here in historic downtown Vero Beach!

We are very pleased to forward this letter to you and we hope that the Council is successful in their bid to bring train service to our area. Thank you so much for the opportunity to make our voices heard.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Graves Bass
President, Board of Directors