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Gregg Guetschow - City Manager - PLEASE READ BEFORE MONDAY MEETING!

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Dear Members of Charlotte City Council,

I am sending this message to you in an effort to support Gregg Guetschow, our city manager. Over the years I have had many connections with Gregg through different organizations with which I am involved. I find Gregg to be a very bright, thoughtful, respectful and caring individual. In addition, my observation is that Gregg always has the City of Charlotte's best interest at the front of anything he is involved in.

I looked at your website and read about the duties of the city manager, I cannot imagine a person I would rather have taking care of problem solving and crisis management. Future planning, personnel practices, representing the city on other committees and in other organizations in a positive way, etc.... Gregg is your man.

Serving with Gregg on the board for CAN DO!, I have found Gregg to be extremely organized, knowledgeable and always prepared to assist in making the best decision. His thoughtful comments do not dictate, but rather educate, provoking a discussion in which the correct decisions can be made. I cannot think of anyone with whom I have worked who has been better prepared for any meeting or event in which he participates.

I am also in Rotary with Gregg. He is passionate, professional and dependable about his responsibilities he takes on with Rotary. Another area in which he excels is in providing musical events that help to raise money for special causes in the city. He is clever and funny, but always in good taste. Gregg always makes an excellent impression, in how he speaks, dresses and behaves – I believe that this is important for a city manager, as he represents who we are wherever he goes.

I am curious about what your concerns are with Gregg's ability to lead. I have known him to put forth his very best efforts to help improve Charlotte and make it the very best it can be. I have not ever noticed any personal agenda, rather his community spirit is what always leads him in his comments, decisions and actions. If you have seen a different side of Gregg's professional behavior I would be interested in understanding your concerns.

I encourage you to renew Gregg's contract with the City of Charlotte as our City Manager. I believe you would have a difficult time finding anyone as dedicated, professional, community minded and willing to do what it takes to make our city shine.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I would attend the meeting Monday evening and voice my opinion at the meeting, but my Mother is having open heart surgery and I will be with her and my Dad during the meeting. If it is appropriate, I give permission to read this letter at the meeting, representing my thoughts on renewing Gregg's contract.

With the best intentions for my city,

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