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Chairman Karen Seel Board of County Commissioners 315 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756

Honorable Commissioner Seel,

The Clearwater Downtown Development Board (DDB) is proud that the county seat for Pinellas County is in Downtown Clearwater. We recognize the considerable investment that Pinellas County has made in locating county offices here.

We understand that the county is reviewing joint facility studies and that you're always considering consolidating property. The economic impact of a relocation from Downtown Clearwater would be far reaching. The effect that such a move would have on surrounding businesses would be extremely negative.

The Clearwater DDB urges Pinellas County leaders to reconsider this decision and ask that you please share our recommendation with staff in the County Administrator's Office. If a move from the existing facilities is unavoidable, it would be our strong preference that any relocation be to another location within our downtown core.

Let us know how we can help and we thank you for your consideration,

Paris Morfopoulos Chairman

cc: Board of County Commissioners