



Naples Historical Society

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To Whom This May Concern:

It is with absolute delight that I write in support of the *Save the Bank of the Everglades* project in the City of Everglades City, Florida.

The history of Southwest Florida and in Everglades City, in particular, is expansive and impressive. The colorful heroes of yesteryear that paved the way for residents and visitors of today would be proud of the work to preserve the architecture, the stories, and the past of the Bank.

Everglades was once the county seat of Collier. It thrived as a small town back then, and the commerce in "E-city" knew no boundaries. Many people, especially those who visit and live throughout Collier County today, respect the powerful spirit of E-city, recognize its enduring economic muscle, deeply appreciate its history, and want to help protect this historically significant building.

With enthusiasm, I tender this letter to you as you review this project for grant support. Should you have comments or questions, please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO