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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Rising Tide Car Wash location in the City of Pompano Beach. As the Job Coach at Coconut Creek High School, I work firsthand with students, many of whom are residents of Pompano Beach—who face significant barriers to employment due to autism and other developmental differences.

Rising Tide Car Wash has been an exceptional employment partner for our students. Their innovative approach to workforce inclusion has provided meaningful job opportunities, exceptional training, and an environment where individuals with autism are empowered to succeed. The presence of a Rising Tide Car Wash in Pompano Beach would not only expand access to these life-changing employment opportunities but also strengthen the broader community by modeling inclusion, dignity, and meaningful contribution.

Many of the students I work with live near Pompano Beach, and having a local Rising Tide location would significantly improve their employment outcomes by removing geographic barriers and offering a supportive, structured workplace that understands and values neurodiverse talent. I have seen firsthand how access to an inclusive employer like Rising Tide transforms lives—not just for the employees, but for their families and communities as well.

I strongly urge the City of Pompano Beach to support this project. It will create critical employment pathways for residents and set a powerful example of what is possible when businesses are designed to be inclusive.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss the profound impact Rising Tide has made on our students.

Sincerely,

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