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Dear City Manager Lee Feldman!

As we navigate this pandemic and uncertain times, the City of Gainesville has been a consistent voice for safety, calm, and reassurance for the community! Thank you and the City Commission the leadership during these stressful times.

Since our time in East Gainesville we have had the opportunity to stimulate the East Gainesville economy through job creation, community events, community investment and philanthropy. As you drive East Gainesville, many houses are being renovated, streets recoated, properties managed, infrastructure improved and children playing in an amazing park!

When I was purchasing the armory I never dreamed that a relationship between a private business and the City could have yielded so much positive change in a community.

This is just the beginning of our impact in this community and I look forward to sharing with you and the City Commission our future vision, which we are starting now! Exciting!!

To aid in this vision and continued our efforts It is my hope that I could have an opportunity to present and ask the City Commission and ask to have the complete armory mortgage forgiven.

Friendly regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Coats", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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