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Commissioner Sherwin Henry
City of Gainesville
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: Agenda Item Request for the 3/24/2008 CC Meeting—Airport Expansion

Dear Commissioner Henry:

Our Homeowners Association has become aware that the Airport Authority's idea of expansion is to bring a maintenance facility serving large jet aircraft to the airport. We feel that movement in this direction would result in increased safety hazards and significantly raise the level of air and noise pollution in the area.

We realize that the City Commission has been very sensitive to the Stephen Foster neighborhood regarding the expansion of the City's compound on NE 39th Avenue for motor vehicle maintenance. This is the same idea except on a much larger scale.

As you know, there has been much discussion by city and county leaders regarding the importance of bringing economic development to this area (Alachua County Fairgrounds, Airport Industrial Park, etc). We feel that locating a maintenance facility serving large jet aircraft would have a negative effect on future development. We do not understand the benefit of our city being the service garage for other Florida cities that enjoy lower airfare rates.

We feel that it would be beneficial for the City Commission to invite Mr. Penska to the March 24, 2008 meeting and request that he give a presentation on the future plans of the Airport Authority. We feel that this would provide the Commission an opportunity to seek clarification and provide input regarding this issue.

Please know that we strongly believe that the economic develop of the east and far northeast side of Gainesville would serve a greater public purpose than the expansion of the airport in this manner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Juan Harrington, President
Ironwood Homeowners Association

Cc Honorable Mayor Hanrahan
City Commission
County Commission