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To: mayor

Cc: citymgr; Chase, Todd N.; Hawkins, Jr., Thomas; Poe, Lauren B.; Folkers, Paul E.; Bottcher, Susan W.; Rawls, Yvonne H.; citycomm; Wells, Randy M.; Pegeen Hanrahan; Phillips, Steven R.

Subject: [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Withdrawal of \$1M Offer, Appreciation for Consideration

August 27, 2013

Mayor Ed Braddy and Members of the City Commission
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor Braddy and Members of the City Commission:

I am writing to withdraw my offer to purchase approximately 5 acres adjacent to my home for \$1 million. This request came before the city as a referral to committee in August of 2011. It was first heard in the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee on November 26, 2012, and the Commission voted to move forward on May 16, 2013. I received yesterday staff's written position (in line with I'd been told to expect) regarding the agenda item. Unfortunately, the totality of the conditions listed as contingencies are untenable.

I want to thank those of you who were kind enough to meet with me or my representatives to discuss this matter, and to give it your fair consideration. I continue to believe that selling five acres of land (leaving almost 180 acres) that was donated to the city at nocost for \$200,000 per acre would have enabled purchase of several times more land, or acquisition of an iconic property such as Glen Springs, but I accept that the staff and many members of the public did not see the gain in such a proposal.

Again, thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nathan S. Collier

Cc: City Manager Russ Blackburn, Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers, Park and Recreation Director Steve Phillips