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Jennifer Okwabi, Coordinator
Mediation and Impasse Resolution
Public Employees Relations Commission
4050 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0905

Re: City of Gainesville and IAFF 2157 Impasse

Dear Ms. Okwabi:

Please be advised that collective bargaining negotiations between the City of Gainesville and IAFF 2157 have reached impasse. Request is hereby made pursuant to Florida Statutes 447.403(2)(a) for the appointment of a special magistrate. Please forward a list of special magistrates to the parties for consideration and selection. The representative for IAFF Local 2157 is Richard P. Siwica, Esq., of Egan, Lev & Siwica, P.A., 231 E. Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 2231, Orlando, Florida 32802, telephone (407) 422-3658; and the representative for the City of Gainesville is Stephanie Marchman, Esq., Senior Assistant City Attorney, 200 E. University Avenue, Station 46, Gainesville, Florida 32601, telephone (352) 393-8818.

Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Labor Relations Specialist
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c: Russ Blackburn, City Manager
Stephanie Marchman, Esq., Senior Assistant City Attorney
Cheryl McBride, Interim Human Resources Director
Tracey Higdon, President, IAFF Local 2157
Richard P. Siwica, Esq.