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Wayne Bowers, City Manager
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490, Station 19
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RE: Presentation to the Gainesville City Commission.

Dear Mr. Bowers:

On behalf of the Alachua County/Municipal Leaders Steering Committee, I would like to respectfully request that a time be arranged for the Committee to make a presentation to the Gainesville City Commission concerning the County-wide Planning Process.

As you may be aware, two Alachua County/Municipal Leaders Summits have been held this year to discuss the issues related to the Boundary Adjustment Act (BAA), annexation and joint planning. A Steering Committee was formed after the first Summit to continue this discussion, and the Committee's recommendations were presented to the County's elected and appointed officials at a Second Summit in August 2001.

In brief, the Committee felt that the development of "community vision statements" combined with the creation of small area plans for each municipality's urban reserve area would be invaluable in addressing the issues related to annexation and development. Specifically, these vision statements and area plans would be developed through a County-wide Planning Process, and would be compatible with the plans of other communities and the County.

The participants at the Second Summit overwhelmingly endorsed this concept, and asked the Committee to determine the cost of the project, including consultant costs, and the financial and staffing commitments necessary from the County, the municipalities and other agencies. The Committee is now ready to present its findings, and the arrangements for our presentation can be coordinated with Mark Hill, Assistant County Manager, who serves as the staff for the Committee. Mr. Hill can be reached at (352) 374-5204, or via email at mhill@co.alachua.fl.us.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this extremely important matter, and we look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jim Gabriel, Chair
Alachua County/Municipal Leaders Steering Committee

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