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Randall H. Reid County Manager November 16, 2001

Wayne Bowers, City Manager City of Gainesville P.O. Box 490, Station 19 Gainesville, Florida 32602

Re:

Proposed Annexation of Lot 3 in the North Florida Regional Medical Center Doctor's Office Subdivision - Scheduled for a City of Gainesville Public Hearing on November 26, 2001.

Dear Mr. Bowers:

The County's Community Planning Group (CPG) and Annexation Team have completed their review of the City of Gainesville Ordinance No. 001611, which adopts an Urban Services Report for a voluntary annexation of Lot 3 in the North Florida Regional Medical Center Doctor's Office subdivision. (Please see the attached map). We understand from Heidi Lannon that the Public Hearing for this proposed annexation is scheduled for November 26, 2001.

The review of the Urban Services Report indicates that the property appears to meet the basic requirements of law for annexation. The parcel is contiguous with the Gainesville City limits along its northern and eastern boundaries, it is unincorporated, it does not create an enclave and is reasonable compact. However, since this parcel is part of a platted subdivision which contains several unincorporated parcels, it is recommended that this entire subdivision be annexed at one time, rather than parcel by parcel. This approach was discussed with the City staff at the CPG meeting of November 6, 2001.

This recommendation is based on Alachua County's Annexation Principle #9 which states: "Annexations should not be functionally devoid of connections between the annexed area and adjacent areas to which they are logically and geographically connected." The annexation of one parcel at a time in this subdivision may result in the creation of enclaves or pockets.



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As a matter of fact, the County's Annexation Team is currently reviewing an Urban Services Report for the proposed annexation of Lot 9 in the same subdivision. Based upon our preliminary review of this request, it appears that the annexation of Lot 9 will create an enclave and/or pocket.

In addition, the annexation of one parcel at a time creates problems with the efficient delivery of services. There may also be problems associated with the coordination of any redevelopment activities with the surrounding properties, the maintenance responsibilities for roads (e.g. NW 64th Terrace, NW 9th Boulevard and NW 11th Place), stormwater management and police protection services.

As always, we greatly appreciate the continuing cooperation between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself, or Mark Hill, Assistant County Manager, if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Randall H. Reid County Manager

Map Attachment

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Alachua County Annexation Team

Mark Hill, Assistant County Manager Heidi Lannon, City of Gainesville OMB

