

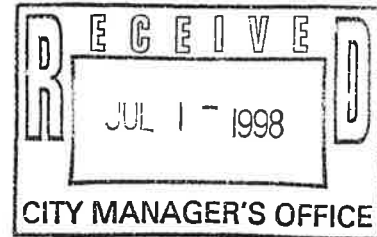
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CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Paula DeLaney
Gainesville City Commission
222 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601



Dear Madame Mayor:

On behalf of the Ashton Homeowners' Board I am requesting a mail-in ballot to allow the residents of Ashton to vote on annexing the Ashton subdivision into the City of Gainesville.

The Homeowners' Board has unanimously approved this request and the majority of residents that I have spoken with are in favor of annexation. We wish to take advantage of any millage rate savings by annexing Ashton in October of this year, so we are requesting the timing of the required steps (notices, meetings, etc.) be synchronized to maximize our savings.

I have been in contact with Heidi Lannon, planner with the City of Gainesville, and Teresa Scott, Director of Public Works, who have been very helpful in providing information on annexation and have been instrumental in our decision to consider annexation. The City should be proud to have employees of this caliber, and they should be highly commended.

I look forward to working with your staff in this matter and if you have any questions regarding our request, please call me.

Sincerely,

David P. Costakis

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