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The Honorable Ed Braddy, Commissioner Gainesville City Commission P.O. Box 490, Station 19 Gainesville, FL 32601-0490

Dear Commissioner Braddy:

During citizen comments at the upcoming February 5, 2007 Gainesville City Commission, representatives of the Five Points of Life Marathon will request that the city again co-sponsor this highly successful event. The organizers are not requesting any direct funding. They only request that they be charged city-sponsored rates for police, fire/rescue, public works, and parks support.

The Gainesville Sports Commission (formerly the Gainesville Sports Organizing Committee) is providing both cash and in-kind services to assist the committee. We were asked to inform you of the committee's upcoming request.

Last year's event was very well attended and received rave reviews. It has been improved this year through coordination with city staff, the University of Florida, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Police Department, Gainesville Fire/Rescue and the volunteers of the non-profit community blood center, LifeSouth

We ask that you respond favorably to the committee's request for city sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Jack Hughes

Executive Director

Gainesville Sports Commission