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City of Gainesville

Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor

February 15, 2007

Dr. Bernie Machen, President University of Florida 226 Tigert Hall Burne Gainesville, FL 32611

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cc: City Commissioners Russ Blackburn, City Manager Tom Saunders, Community Development Director Jim Garrett, Code Enforcement Manager



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