



Gainesville-Alachua County Association of Realtors

May 2, 2014

Mayor Ed Braddy
Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee
P.O. Box 490
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Dear Mr. Braddy,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to give input on the proposed vacant property registry for the City of Gainesville.

Upon a motion of our Board of Directors we strongly oppose a vacant property registry for the City of Gainesville or Alachua County.

Implementation of such a registry will add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and cost. While there may be isolated cases of vacant properties not being properly maintained or in disrepair, there is already an effective system in place to deal with these issues through Code Enforcement. Also, there are inherent financial incentives for the property owner to protect their asset. A mandatory registration will not add any additional incentive to maintain the property.

Thank you again for allowing us to share our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Thomas
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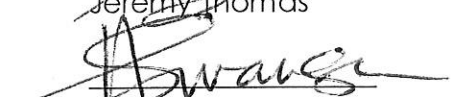

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