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The Honorable Tom Bussing City of Gainesville P.O. Box 490, Station 19 Gainesville, FL 32602

Dear Mayor Bussing:

At the Economic Development Joint Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on May 6, 2002, the following recommendations were approved for transmittal to Alachua County and City of Gainesville commissions:

- That both commissions direct their managers to develop a memorandum of agreement between Alachua County and City of Gainesville commissions to coordinate economic development functions among our respective economic development departments.
 - That the memorandum of agreement also be inclusive of increased coordination with the Alachua County School Board and the University of Florida.
- II. That the managers be directed to bring back their joint recommendations for a combined (city/county) Economic Development Advisory Committee as a standing citizens committee.
 - That the new Economic Development Advisory Committee be charged with reviewing and modifying, as appropriate, the Strategic Plan for Economic Development to reflect the following:
 - Enhanced city/county coordination
 - Revised community indicators
 - Inclusion of quantifative analysis to the matrix relating to Gainesville Regional Utilities' load service rider
 - · An evaluation of other quantitative models as appropriate
- III. That both commissions consider co-location of their economic development departments, possibly within the Alliance offices.

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The committee further requests that both commissions place these items on their agendas for discussion at their earliest convenience. I stand ready to present these findings and answer any questions with you and/or the city or county commissions whenever necessary.

Sincerely,

Dave Newport, Chair

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Economic Development Joint Ad-Hoc Committee

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