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# MEMO

**To:** Mayor Lauren Poe  
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Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos  
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Commissioner Harvey Ward  
Commissioner Helen Warren  
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**From:** Commissioner Gigi Simmons 

**Date:** August 15, 2019

**Re:** Commission Meeting Agenda Item #181001 – Ordinance Dissolving the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency and Creating the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area

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I will not be present for discussion of Agenda Item #181001 – Ordinance Dissolving the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency and Creating the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area. I would like you to know that I prefer a change to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance currently spells out that a seven-member advisory board will be appointed. **I recommend that rather than seven, the number of advisory board members be increased to a minimum of 15.** I feel since we are decreasing from four districts to one consolidated plan, it is imperative that we have additional members to provide more discourse from as many sections of the City as possible.

Thank you for discussing my recommendation and taking it into consideration at tonight's meeting.

*How can I  
empower you?*