



City of Gainesville

Lauren Poe, Mayor

May 12, 2016

Supervisor of Elections of Alachua County
515 N Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Supervisor Carpenter:

The Gainesville City Commission has been forwarded the letter addressed to Kurt Lannon; Clerk of the Commission dated April 16, 2016, concerning the Election Services Agreement. The City Commission scheduled this item for discussion at a May 12, 2016, General Policy Meeting.

The current agreement according to records available to the City, date the agreement all the way back to December 1986. It is the City's belief that this agreement has served the parties adequately through the tenures of many Supervisors of Elections, appointed and elected Mayors, City Commissioners and City Staff. In addition to the evolution of duties mentioned for the Supervisor's Office the City has also taken on additional duties regarding the administration of elections to include; qualifying issue consultation, minute taking for Canvass Board meetings, records management for election records, ballot approval, precinct clarification issues, early voting site coordination and a general one stop point of service for general trouble shooting both before and during elections.

The City agrees that the Agreement, like any agreement reaching its 30th year, could use some fine tuning and updating to account for legislative and practical changes required through the years. However, with a major election issue referendum possibly appearing on the ballot in the near future, the City requests that any discussion of major changes to the agreement be made after the results of the referendum results are known so that these efforts do not potentially have to be duplicated depending on the results.

Sincerely,

Kurt M. Lannon

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