

LEGISLATIVE #

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February \_\_\_, 2012

Ms. Paula M. DeLaney, Chair  
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 5547  
Gainesville, FL 32627-5547

Re: Memorandum of Agreement for joint acquisition of the Gainesville Archipelago-Jurecko Property

Dear Chair DeLaney;

This letter serves as written notice of the City of Gainesville's interest in the termination of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Gainesville Archipelago-Jurecko Property as dated August 10, 2010. The City staff has discussed this with the Alachua County Forever staff, and both are in agreement on this recommendation.

The City's Land Rights Coordinator engaged in multiple conversations with the landowner of the subject parcels during the 2011 calendar year. The landowner wants to sell the property for more money than an appraisal will justify. In addition, the landowner will not sell the property without the ability to view any appraisals obtained. We understand that neither of these are allowed under the County's adopted rules for Alachua County Forever. Due to this impasse on price as well as differences between the City and County's ability to handle appraisals, the City would like to terminate the aforementioned MOU. Your signature at the bottom of this letter will serve as your agreement and approval of this request.

Sincerely,

Craig Lowe  
Mayor, City of Gainesville

As approved by the Board of County Commissioners

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Paula M. DeLaney, Chair  
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Alachua County, Florida

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