



City of Gainesville

August 22, 2023

U.S Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Solar for All, Letter of Support, Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-HQ-SFA-23-01
Dear Review Panel:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Gainesville to affirm our support and commitment for the Alachua County application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Alachua County requests a \$25 million award amount serving up to 10,000 households. The award will be applied to the Gainesville Metropolitan Area that includes the incorporated municipal and surrounding unincorporated County lands. The county and city have a long track record of developing programs to assist low-income residents, including energy efficiency improvements, affordable housing, among others. The project will further build on this track record by making solar accessible to low-income and disadvantaged communities residents. The project will help low income residents realize cost savings as solar becomes more cost effective to own and operate, and will help the City in achieving its goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the City's commitment and involvement with the Alachua County application for the Solar for All program.

Sincerely,

Harvey Ward, Jr
Mayor