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The Honorable Harvey Ward
City of Gainesville
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Mayor Ward,

At its regular Board meeting on July 9, 2024, the Alachua County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the City of Gainesville (COG) Board of Commissioners on behalf of Oakview Apartments Phase II LLC. As you know, the Oakview Apartments Phase II proposes to build affordable housing for low-income seniors. This is a multifamily residential housing development of fifty-one units.

At the behest of Mr. Joe Eddy, President of JE Properties, the County respectfully requests that the COG maintain its commitment to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds towards this project. In making this request, the County recognizes that ARPA funds must be expended by September 2025.

In the same vein, the County is committed to bringing senior housing to Alachua County and via the Alachua County Housing Finance Authority issued not to exceed \$8,000,000 of multifamily mortgage revenue bonds to Oakview. The County continues to explore ways to assist Mr. Eddy and Oakview in securing gap funding of \$3.1 million. The County encourages Mr. Eddy to apply to the Florida Housing Coalition's State Apartment Incentive Loan program, a competitive award given to affordable housing developers each year to bridge the funding gap. Additionally, Alachua County is researching alternatives, including the use of Infrastructure Sales Tax dollars towards land purchase of the proposed property.

According to Mr. Eddy, he will appeal to COG for continued consideration as he works towards getting his project 100% financed.

Thank you for partnering with the County on behalf of all Alachua County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary C. Alford", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mary C. Alford, Chair
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney