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Mr. Rodney J. Long, Chair Alachua County Commission PO Box 2877 Gainesville, FL 32602-2877

Dear Rodney,

Pursuant to the SW 24th Avenue extension that will connect to Archer Road, I would appreciate if you would read this letter into the official Alachua County Commission record at your meeting on Tuesday, March 24th. I would have personally delivered this message, but I am currently out of town and unable to attend your meeting. Please accept my apology for not being there.

The University of Florida believes its contribution of a right-of-way to extend SW 24th Avenue to Archer Road will support the sustainable growth of Gainesville and Alachua County. The University, therefore, will recommend through its Master Plan amendment process that sufficient right-of-way be given to the City of Gainesville/County of Alachua to provide the necessary land to connect SW 24th Avenue to Archer Road. We believe this is responsible growth that will encourage the student village concept as envisioned by the SW 20th charette, continue to foster good mass transit, support Plan East Gainesville, and provide the protection that we must afford our traditional neighborhoods that surround the University of Florida. The University of Florida looks forward to working with the City and the County in accomplishing these tasks.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Young