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Chairman Charles "Chuck" Chestnut
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
12 SE 1st Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Chairman Chestnut:

On behalf of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Courts, I would like to request the historical lion that is currently in the County Administration building be placed with its counterpart in the lobby of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center. For over 75 years, these majestic statuarys sat above the entrance of the Alachua County Courthouse. In 1958 when the courthouse was demolished, the lions were salvaged and have been relocated several times over the years.

Since its arrival at the Criminal Justice Center, the first lion has sparked a lot of conversation about the history of Alachua County. It would be fitting for the pair to be reunited in the lobby of our newest courthouse where they can be enjoyed by the citizens of our community.

Date: 8/21/19

Received: Commission Office
Copies to: BOCC, County Manager
County Attorney, _____

Sincerely,

James P. Nilon
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