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Dr. Charles E. Lane
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Dear Dr. Lane:

The Board of County Commissioners would like to thank the University of Florida for your letter dated November 16th, which acknowledged the County's concerns regarding affordable graduate student housing. As you are aware, affordable housing is an important community concern and a priority for the Board of County Commissioners, and we appreciate UF's efforts to address the issue. During each of the public hearings held to consider adoption of the updated UF CDA, the elimination of graduate and family student housing by the demolition of Maguire Village and University Village South has been brought to the Board as a significant concern by UF graduate students and families that will be affected.

Thank you for sharing initial information regarding UF's future plans for graduate student and family housing. The University's commitment to adding over 400 apartments by Fall 2023 for graduate student use, and ensuring that the rental rates will be comparable to on-campus graduate housing options is significant. We hope this additional graduate student housing option is equally accessible and convenient to the UF campus as the current housing units. We look forward to additional details following the UF board of Trustees meeting on December 2nd and 3rd, and appreciate the high priority UF has given this issue.

We look forward to continuing to work with the University of Florida to address community issues together.

Sincerely,

Marihelen Wheeler, Chair
Alachua County Commission
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