ALACHUA COUNTY Economic Development Advisory Committee

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Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, Chair Alachua County Board of County Commissioners 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601

RE: Alachua County Former Fairgrounds Site

Dear Chair Hutchinson,

EDAC is comprised of 16 citizens actively engaged in business and economic development in the community. Our meetings are open to the public, and based on membership and public comments. Our primary objective is to explore and recommend policies and actions to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners that encourages sustainable economic development.

At the May 28, 2020 meeting, EDAC received an update of the potential economic impact that the proposed Army Reserves' Equipment Concentration Site (ECS) would bring to East Gainesville and Alachua County. As a result of this discussion, EDAC members unanimously approved the following motion:

"EDAC recommends the BoCC to proceed forward as recommended by county staff to donate the Fairgrounds land to the Army Reserves".

EDAC appreciates the opportunity to serve Alachua County citizens in a meaningful way. We look forward to keep advising the Alachua Board of County Commissioners in promoting and encouraging sustainable economic development in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this motion.

Sincerely,

Joakim Nordqvist

Chair

On behalf of the Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee