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Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee

Subject: Nomination of Dr. Carrie Blanchard Bush for University of Florida's Position on Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. McLendon,

I am writing to formally nominate Dr. Carrie Blanchard Bush, Ph.D., for the University of Florida's institutional position on the Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee. Dr. Bush currently serves as the Assistant Vice President for Administration and External Relations in the Office of Government and Community Relations at the University of Florida.

Dr. Bush's extensive professional background and exceptional leadership skills make her an ideal candidate for this role. In her current position, she plays a pivotal role in executing administrative projects and fostering connections between internal and external stakeholders of the University of Florida.

With a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, a Master of Public Administration, and a Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy, Dr. Bush brings a wealth of academic knowledge and practical expertise.

Dr. Bush has demonstrated a solid commitment to community service, having served on the Alachua County Public Schools Half Cent Tax Oversight Committee and the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board. Her dedication to the betterment of the Alachua County community is evident. She will bring the same commitment and enthusiasm to her role on the Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Thank you for considering Dr. Bush's nomination.

Sincerely,



Mark Kaplan,  
Vice President, UF Government and Community Relations