

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

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U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear FWHA Review Panel:

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners affirms our support and commitment for the City of Gainesville application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program (CFI).

Alachua County has multiple facilities located in strategic locations in or near disadvantaged communities (DACs) and along critical transportation corridors which can provide convenient, affordable access to charging infrastructure for our local residents and travelers. Through our collaboration with the CFI grant application partners, we have identified the following County-owned facilities as strong candidates for inclusion in this program:

- Alachua County Community Support Services Building
- Cynthia Moore Chestnut Park and Clark Butler Nature Preserve
- Sweetwater Wetlands Park
- Veteran's Memorial Park

The project will make electric vehicles (EVs) more accessible to low-income residents and allow these residents to realize long-term cost savings in EV fuel and maintenance costs. The transition to green transportation will help the County in achieving its goal of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to protect the culture of our community and our natural environment.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the County's commitment and involvement with the City of Gainesville application for the Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Mary Alford, Chair Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Chr24.XXX

cc: Board of County Commissioners Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager Sylvia Torres, County Attorney