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The Honorable Iris Bailey
City of Archer
16870 SW 134 Street
Archer, FL 32618

Dear Mayor Bailey,

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has been made aware that the City of Archer has reported a “financial emergency” to the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 218.503, Florida Statutes. At our Board meeting on November 12, 2024, we discussed ways in which the County may be able to support the City during this challenging time.

In our July 17, 2024 letter to Archer, we recognized the City’s continued dedication to good planning and protection of our community’s shared resources. That letter also encouraged Archer to ask the County for technical resources (environmental, planning, public works) to assist Archer’s staff with review of upcoming development projects that may impact the health, safety and welfare of our shared residents. Please consider this offer open.

With the recognition of a “financial emergency,” the County Board would like to extend a more open-ended offer to Archer. Please let us know what technical resources or assistance you need. We are committed to helping Archer, as appropriate.

In the meantime, the County asks that you share with us relevant records related to the City’s financial emergency, including but not limited to, correspondence, reports, emails, etc. to and from the State (such as the Governor’s Office and the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee), copies of information requested by the State, any proposed or implemented state assistance, and any measures either proposed or implemented by the State to assist Archer in resolving this financial emergency. This information will help us understand the evolving situation and identify ways we can best assist Archer and our shared residents.

We request that the City provide a formal letter, either from the City Board or Interim City Manager, outlining in detail how the County can be of assistance. Please feel free to contact County Manager Lieberman or myself to discuss any aspects of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles S. Chestnut, IV." followed by a stylized flourish.

Charles S. Chestnut, IV., Chair
Alachua County Commission
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney