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Rev. Richard L. Hamlet, President GMF Jacksonville Pool, LLC 65 Germantown Court, Suite 409 Cordova, Tennessee 38018

Subject:

Property Plan for Projects and Repairs

Washington Heights Apartments

4229 Moncrief Road W. Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Dear Rev. Hamlet,

My office has received documented reports of potentially unsafe conditions at the Washington Heights Apartment Complex. Specifically, tenants have complained of gas leaks, mold and mildew, plumbing issues, termite infestation, and termite damage.

Pursuant to Federal regulation, as the owner of HUD housing you are required to keep the property decent, safe, sanitary and in good repair and the dwelling units and common areas must have proper ventilation and be free of mold, odor (e.g., propane, natural gas, methane gas), or other observable deficiencies. HUD Regulation 24 C.F.R. §5.703.

I have been informed that you have compiled a list of property projects and corresponding timeline of completion dates to remedy and repair the numerous health and safety concerns raised by the tenants of Washington Heights.



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As an elected representative of the tenants, I am hereby requesting a copy of the written plan to bring Washington Heights into compliance with applicable Federal, State, and Municipal codes. I am also requesting any plans to commission an Air Quality Assessment to identify the presence of mold in tenants' apartments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to reviewing your response.

Sincerely,

Tommy Hazouri Jacksonville City Council Member At-Large, Group 3

Cc: Ed Jennings, Jr., Regional Administrator, HUD (his address is Five Points Plaza Building, 40 Marietta Street, Atlanta, GA 30303)

The Honorable Lenny Curry, Mayor of Jacksonville

The Honorable Reggie Brown, City Council Member

The Honorable Sam Newby, City Council Member

The Honorable Garrett Dennis, City Council Member

The Honorable Greg Anderson, City Council Member

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The Honorable Marco Rubio, United States Senator

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