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July 30, 2013

Mr. Steve Auger
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Auger,

I would like to urge your agency to support funding an affordable housing project at the "transportation oriented development" at the Osceola Parkway Sunrail Station. Florida Housing Finance would be wise to fund the project this year before the cost of land escalates when the station is built.

Please consider treating the Osceola Parkway TOD in the same manner as the Seminole and Volusia TODs in your draft plan. Much like Seminole and Volusia, we would ask that the Osceola Parkway TOD not count against Osceola's cap of only one project per County.

Osceola County is working hard to see the Osceola Parkway TOD become an employment center and affordable housing is a critical component. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lewis
Executive Vice President

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