## PAHOKEE HOUSING AUTHORITY, INC.

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Mr. Steve Auger, Executive Director Florida Housing Finance Corporation 227 North Bronough St, Suite 5000 Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Auger,

In the current draft RFA #2015-107 for Large Counties, there is a concession for Proximity scoring allotted to two cities (Belle Glade and South Bay) in the "Glades" area of Palm Beach County.

Pahokee is a city which is located within the same County (Palm Beach) as both Belle Glade and South Bay; it is located in the same "Glades" area of the state and is suffering from the same economic and locational problems. We request that Pahokee be provided the same consideration for Proximity in the Large County Geographic RFA as the other two cities. Pahokee, along with Belle Glade and South Bay, are specifically identified cities by the Governor of the State of Florida as cities of critical economic concern.

We appreciate your consideration of our request, as we have been working at revitalizing the City of Pahokee's affordable housing for more than five years, but have been unable to compete in the past due to proximity constraints.

Sincerely,

Julia Hale, Executive Director

Cc: Ken Reecy, Director of Multifamily Programs