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Renee Paschal, Chatham County Manager
Chatham County Manager's Office
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Dear Renee, Thank you for our phone discussions recently about two parcels of land owned by Chatham County. As per our discussions, this letter is to formally request that those two parcels be donated to Chatham Habitat for Humanity, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization located in Chatham County that builds and advocates for affordable housing in Chatham County. Chatham Habitat for Humanity partner families make between 25% and 60% of Area Median Income and have a demonstrated need for affordable housing.

Specifically we are requesting donation of the following two parcels:

- 1) Parcel # 6928, being 1.54 acres net (2.0 acres gross) on the corner of Old Sanford Road and Jack Wolfe Road approximately 2.8 miles south of the Chatham County Courthouse. Chatham Habitat for Humanity would remove the abandoned house on the property and place an affordable home for one of our partner families on this parcel. Additionally, Chatham Habitat would explore if having one lot in this neighborhood would provide additional opportunity to build on or improve other property in the neighborhood. What we would be able to do for certain is remove an existing abandoned house and replace it with a quality built, energy efficient new house for a family that needs an affordable home while improving the neighborhood and increasing the tax value of this property.
- 2) Parcel #7910, being 0.190 acres, more or less, off of Credle Street several blocks Northwest from the Chatham County Courthouse. Chatham Habitat for Humanity is interested in this parcel because it is surrounded by other small parcels that together could be developed into something like a pocket neighborhood for senior citizens or people with disabilities on fixed income. It is adjacent to 3 older rental structures, one of which is abandoned. Additionally, this land, and land around it has been unused for quite a period of time and there is a large amount of trash on it and neighboring parcels. We would like to turn this small area into a productive and visually appealing cluster of affordable houses. Its location close to downtown and other amenities like churches,

parks, shops, etc. make it a great location for people on limited income. We would like to ask Chatham County to reserve this parcel for us until we determine if we can control enough of the surrounding properties to make a project possible in this location. This parcel, while landlocked, is a key element in us being able to pull together adjacent small parcels to create a doable project.

We also discussed the possibility of looking at additional parcels the county presently owns or may own in the future. Our Land Committee met last week, and the committee and staff are encouraged by the potential of these land donations to add to the affordable housing stock in the county. We look forward to the continued collaboration on this important issue, and we thank you for generously encouraging this request. We assume the parcels will be transferred with clear title and no encumbrances. Once we have your formal approval to proceed, we will do our due diligence to make sure the properties can be used as we have proposed.

Thank you for your openness to this request and your commitment to look for creative ways to work together on important issues, like affordable housing, for Chatham County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey Harman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Harvey Harman
Construction Director
Chatham Habitat for Humanity

cc. Jerry Whortan, Executive Director, Chatham Habitat for Humanity