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June 25, 2010

Ray Eubanks, Plan Review and Processing Administrator
Florida Department of Community Affairs
Bureau of State Planning
Plan Processing Section
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL. 32399-2100

Re: CPA2010-02 University Highlands Amendment to the Lee Plan
Transmittal Submission Package
Development of Regional Impact Related Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

In accordance with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163.3187(1)(b) and of 9J-11.006, this submission package constitutes the transmittal package for an amendment to the Lee Plan known as CPA 2010-02 - University Highlands. The proposed amendment is one of the exemptions to the twice per calendar year limitation on the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments, due to the fact that it is directly related to a proposed Development of Regional Impact, the Timberland and Tiburon DRI. The Local Planning Agency held public hearings for this plan amendment on June 18, 2010. The Board of County Commissioners transmittal hearing for the plan amendment was held on June 23, 2010. The Board of County Commissioners voted to transmit the attached Lee Plan amendment package at the June 23, 2010 hearing. Per 9J-11.006(1)(a)(3), **Lee County is requesting that the Department review the proposed amendment and provide an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report.** The proposed amendment is not applicable to an area of critical state concern. The Board of County Commissioners has stated its intent to hold an adoption hearing at the same time as the hearing for Application for Development Approval for the DRI.

The subject plan amendment is a privately-initiated request to amend the Future Land Use Map series, Map 1, the Future Land Use Map, for a 208.4 +/- acre parcel of land located in Section 26, Township 46 South, Range 25 East to change the Future Land Use classification from "Suburban" to "Urban Community." The potential commercial intensity for the subject property will be increased if the amendment is adopted.

The name, title, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address of the person for the local government who is most familiar with the proposed amendments is as follows:

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Included with this package, per 9J-11.006, are one paper copy and two CD ROM copies, in PDF format, of the proposed amendments and supporting data and analysis. By copy of this letter and its attachments, I certify that these amendments and supporting data and analysis have been sent on this date to the agencies listed below.

Sincerely,
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Division of Planning



Paul O'Connor, AICP, Director
Director

All documents and reports attendant to this transmittal are also being sent, by copy of this cover, to:

Wendy Evans
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