



May 17, 2007

Chairman  
Lee County Local Planning Agency  
P.O. Box 398  
Ft. Myers, FL 33902

Re: The Fountains DRI Application/ CPA 2006-01

Dear Members:

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County, Inc. is pleased to support The Fountains application for approval as a Development of Regional Impact. Habitat is clearly aware of the impact new development has on the need for affordable housing, particularly the workforce. Housing and real estate prices have made it virtually impossible for low and moderate income households to obtain decent housing at affordable prices without some form of subsidy or assistance. Habitat for Humanity has built over 600 homes for lower income households that are affordable due to a zero percent interest mortgage and the contributions its volunteers and donors. Lee County has provided Habitat with significant support from the SHIP program.

Habitat is pleased to work closely with the Fountains in their plans to provide on-site housing for low and moderate income workforce residents. Habitat will make available its zero percent interest mortgages for income eligible residents. This will include the Habitat programs provided by its Family Services Department including family selection, homebuyer counseling and sweat equity. Habitat will also be pleased to work with The Fountains on its proposed senior housing for lower income elderly.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe and decent ownership housing for low and very low income households. The Fountains represents an opportunity to partner with a large development to include affordable housing within a new community.

Please feel free to contact me should there be any questions.

Sincerely,

*V.E. Archibald*  
Signed electronically  
Vern E. Archibald  
President/CEO