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Dear Sirs:

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We welcome the opportunity to continue our positive partnership with the City of Delray Beach sharing the same vision of building a stronger community.

Please find a map of a vacant property at 133 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. (PCN 12-43-46-17-23-006-0090), which Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County respectfully requests that the City of Delray Beach transfer the title/ownership of the property to Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County.

Such transfer would enable us to construct two single family homes consisting of 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, a 1 Car Garage, All Tile, Hurricane Impact Windows, Double Truss Strapping, Owen's Corning 20 Year Architectural Shingle Roof, Landscape with Sprinkler System, Stucco Siding to Resemble Hardy Board, Covered Porch lined with Columns and Railings, Whirlpool Appliances, Pastel Color Exterior. The timeline to complete each project would be 24 months from closing. Pictures of representative homes are attached.

We feel that with the City's help we can continue to enhance the Atlantic Park Gardens section of Delray Beach as aligned with your vision. As listed below and outlined on the attached map, Habitat has had a significant impact in this area specifically having built 17 homes within this area and specifically eight homes along the 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. corridor alone.

## President/CEO

Randy Nobles

216 SW 13th Ave.	212 SW 12th Ave.	145 SW 11th Ave.	145 B SW 10th Ave.
209 SW 13th Ave.	205 SW 13th Ave.	205 SW 12th Ave.	209 SW 12th Ave.
21 SW 14th Ave.	122 SW 11th Ave.	141 SW 12th Ave.	
217 SW 13th Ave.	214 SW 5th Ave.	212 SW 12th Ave.	
247 SW 12th Ave.	145 SW 11th Ave.	214 SW 12th Ave.	

We are seeking to increase our density within this area and to continue our mission of upgrading communities by providing affordable and attainable housing to low income families who need it the most.



The second part of this would be to showcase our partnership on these lots with an "Athletes for Humanity Build" by engaging NFL Players in the building of the homes to create excitement and great PR around our partnership. NFL Players currently in the league who call this community home and those coming to train and participate in the Combine would provide inspiration not only to the entire community, but most importantly to the youth of our community.

We would replicate the successful model of our CEO Build from October 2018 to draw business leaders and media coverage to the ongoing positive community developments and showcase and create something truly unique that does not exist anywhere in the State of Florida.

In addition, we would utilize the platform for education to roll out the Vocational Job Training Program through Mr. Coleman's partnership with Palm Beach State College vocational classes and "On the Job" experience training provided in the construction trades by Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County. The entire arc of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue homes would have also serve the end goal of providing other meaningful career pathways for youth within the construction industry which currently is experiencing widespread workforce shortages.

"Eighty percent of construction firms report they are having a hard time filling hourly craft positions that represent the bulk of the construction workforce, according to the results of an industry-wide survey by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). Association officials said shortages pose a significant risk to future economic growth and they released a new workforce development plan to solve the growing problem.

"Labor shortages in the construction industry remain significant and widespread," said Ken Simonson, AGC's chief economist. "The best way to encourage continued economic growth, make it easier to rebuild aging infrastructure and place more young adults into high-paying careers is to address construction workforce shortages."

- August 29, 2018 The Associated General Contractors of America

In summary, the donation of the vacant property could be leveraged to accomplish three objectives simultaneously:

- 1) Create attainable housing to hard working, low income families
- 2) Attract positive attention to the City of Delray Beach with the "Athletes for Humanity" Build
- 3) Be a platform for the City's Vocational Training Program coupled with the On the Job training by Habitat for Humanity so there is a real career path for youth to sustainable self-reliance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

President and CEO



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