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Anita Favors Thompson, City Manager
 300 South Adams Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Ms. ~~Favors Thompson~~: *Anita*

At the County Commission meeting last night, the Board rejected the draft Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Palmer Munroe Teen Center based on the inclusion of facility lease payments in years 2 and 3 of the proposal. The Board's initial support of this proposal was contingent upon the funding commitment of partner agencies and the elimination of the facility lease payment for the community based organization that would take over the teen center after the first year of operation.

At last night's meeting, the Board had an in-depth discussion about the proposed level of funding from both the County and City along with the anticipated transition after year 1 to a community based organization. The Board has requested the City to reconsider charging a lease payment to the community based organization upon transition in year 2 of the proposed teen center. Given the vacancy of activities at the Palmer Munroe Community Center and the number of public entities willing to contribute to this program, the Board recognizes the importance of the teen center for the community but does not support indirectly using public funds to make lease payments to the City for the use of this facility.

It is the County's hope that the City Commission will reconsider the County's offer to eliminate lease payments as outlined the draft Memorandum of Understanding and associated budget. Please feel free to call me directly if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Parwez Alam,
 Leon County Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Leon County Board of County Commissioners
 Jay Townsend, Assistant City Manager
 Ken Morris, Director of Legislative Affairs and Economic Development