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RE: Proposed Funding Goals for the 2019 Housing Credit Financing RFA For Affordable Housing Developments Located in Miami-Dade County- 2019/2020 RFA General Process

Mr. Price:

We greatly appreciate the focus and attention that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) has provided to the Florida Keys over the past years. As you know, we have been working to provide affordable housing for those who work in the Florida Keys, particularly after the devastation by Hurricane Irma. In addition to local and state efforts to address affordable housing within Monroe County, I also recommend that FHFC review the possibility of including a Miami-Dade County Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) with a focus on those who commute to work in the Florida Keys during your current Request for Application (RFA) cycle. (RFA for Affordable Housing Developments Located in Miami-Dade County – 2019/2020 RFA General Process).

Many of our workers commute from the mainland, specifically from the southern portion of Miami-Dade County. A Florida Keys specific commuter TOD project, coupled with other efforts, will help address the needs of those who live in Miami-Dade County and work in the Florida Keys. Specifically, we suggest FHFC consider additional points for locations in Miami- Dade County south of SW 320th Street that are within a half mile of existing Dade-Monroe Express transit stops.

Thank your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Gastesi", is written over a white background.

Roman Gastesi
Monroe County Administrator