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Ms. Hawkins -

Attached is my letter of interest for the above referenced volunteer position with the City of Venice. I have also enclosed my resume which briefly outlines my employment history and educational background. If you have any questions regarding the provided information please contact me via email or the following number - (941) 258-1010.

Thomas Cookingham

Ms. Amanda Hawkins-Brown
City of Venice Recording Secretary
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
Ms. Hawkins-Brown:

This letter is to indicate my interest in serving as the City's liaison to the Citizens Oversight Committee for School Facility Planning. In the email forwarding this request is a resume which presents my general employment history and educational background. My experience, knowledge and skills specific to the position are discussed as follows.

I have over 25 years planning experience with local Florida governments. During this time I have either prepared or coordinated the development, adoption and implementation of both city and county interlocal agreements (e.g.sewer/water service areas, "first in" response fire/EMS and school facility planning). In addition I have had direct involvement with the preparation and administration of interlocal agreements for school facility planning with Charlotte and Desoto counties as per Section 1013.33 F.S.. This experience included working with school board, City and county staffs to develop monitoring, implementation and evaluation criteria for school concurrency systems (Sections 163.3177 and 163.3180. I was also the primary author in updating and revising the Inter-governmental Coordination Element of the comprehensive plans for Sarasota, Charlotte, and Desoto Counties and the City of North Port which incorporated numerous interlocal and inter-agency agreements. Consequently I am very familiar with the structure and purpose of interlocal agreements and how they are incorporated in local comprehensive plans to ensure the appropriate location, timing and development of needed facilities and infrastructure.

I believe my background in local governments and technical experience with school facility planning combined with my inter-personal skills meet the requirements of the position and would allow to successfully me to represent the City on the Citizen Oversight Committee for School Facility Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the position and I look forward from to hearing from you or the City Council on my request to serve as the City's liaison to the Citizens Oversight Committee for School Facility Planning. I may be reached by telephone - (941) 258-1010 or email - thomasacookingham@gmail.com

Sincerely

Thomas A Cookingham

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