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Sent Via Email DietzS@cityofmerced.org and EspinosaK@cityofmerced.org

Stephanie Dietz
Merced City Manager
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Kim Espinosa
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RE: New Annexation Pre-application Procedures and Wastewater Collection
Capacity Allocation (“Procedures and Allocation”)

Dear Ms. Dietz and Ms. Espinosa:

We represent University Heights, LLC, a California limited liability company (“University Heights”), who is the owner of the two hundred and ninety (290) acre parcel across Lake Road from University of California Merced. University Heights is in negotiations with a developer (the “Developer”) and both the Managing Member of University Heights and the Developer have reviewed the Procedures and Allocation.

I am writing to make the City Council aware that University Heights and the Developer are both in support of the procedures proposed for annexation and sewer allocation.

University Heights and the Developer are both encouraged by the City Council voting to proceed with the annexation of the University of California Merced campus as well as its public comments pertaining to future annexation of contiguous properties pursuant to AB3312. Both entities are making material investment decisions on the basis of the ability to annex and secure sewer allocation to develop the area around the University campus into a well planned community that can be enjoyed by all citizens of the City of Merced.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jerry Callister, Managing Member University Heights, LLC