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Mr. Ron Mallek  
Director of Real Property  
Broward County Government  
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 326  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mr. Mallek,

As you know, the Urban League of Broward County's Board of Directors and executive team have been diligent in our efforts to move forward with construction of the Community Empowerment Center, per the lease agreement established between the Urban League and Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Since the execution of the agreement, the Urban League of Broward County has completed the following tasks and incurred the respective costs for each deliverable:

- Completed, approved and recorded the plat per County requirements
- Completed Level 1 environmental studies on the property to ensure no such challenges would prohibit construction
- Demonstrated the financial capability to construct the facility per the lease agreement stipulations and confirmed via letters from County administration
- Submitted and received conditional approval of the site plan; additional changes will be reviewed shortly and resubmitted
- Executed a pre-construction agreement with a general contractor to assist the organization in value engineering and other supports that will help to contain the construction costs

At this time, I am requesting an extension of 12 months on commencing the construction activities as well as adding the same extension to concluding the construction of the facility. There are two specific provisions in the contract that addresses this timeline: Sections 4.1.3 and 16.2.4.1 (f) and (g). The current deadline is 24 months and 48 months from the execution of the agreement, respectively. The request is to extend each by 12 months each; therefore 36

months and 60 months, respectively from the execution of the agreement. The primary reason for this request is the untimely passing of our architect, Mr. Clyde Judson, who was personally managing every aspect of this project on behalf of his firm. As a result, we needed to regroup with the architectural firm and decide as an organization on the best strategy to move forward without an individual who had been the linchpin of the project for several years. Moreover, we met with other advisors to establish a reasonable timeline and strategy. We are confident that we have been able to reconstitute a team that will be able to meet the timeline as well as add value to the overall project toward its completion.

I am available to provide the requisite information that might be needed to present the extension request to the Board of County Commissioners. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Germaine Smith-Baugh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Germaine Smith-Baugh, Ed.D  
President and CEO

cc: Richard Brossard, Interim Deputy County Administrator  
Bertha Henry, County Administrator