



**ESCAMBIA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
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TO: Doris Harris, Deputy Clerk
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#14B Resolution Identifying the Need to Obtain a High Quality Mixed-
Income Residential Development of Scale within the Downtown
Area and/or Close-in Older Neighborhoods as a Top Priority Goal

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Shirley Gafford 7/24/09

Shirley Gafford, Executive Assistant, County Administration

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Thank you.

Doris Harris 7/24/09

Doris Harris, Deputy Clerk

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FL
BOARD OF
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RESOLUTION R2009-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IDENTIFYING THE NEED TO OBTAIN A HIGH QUALITY MIXED-INCOME RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SCALE WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND/OR CLOSE-IN OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS AS A TOP PRIORITY GOAL

WHEREAS, for many years, the local governments in this community have sought to establish more affordable housing options for its residents; and

WHEREAS, providing sufficient units of sound housing stock at an affordable price to a majority of the citizens of Escambia County has long been a goal for the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Escambia County has assisted for many years with the removal of slum and blight influences that prevent deterioration of property values and neighborhood decline; and

WHEREAS, the need for significant numbers of quality affordable housing units in areas where many want to live still remains despite the best efforts of the community to date; and

WHEREAS, other communities have addressed such housing needs through one or more development partnerships with experienced national residential developers that have a proven commitment to the challenges of neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, development partners with proven records of engaging the community to obtain high-quality mixed-income residential developments of scale on scattered sites within a defined and planned area have yielded the most successful results over time; and

WHEREAS, a mixed-income housing development of scale that incorporates historic preservation, adaptive re-use, and appropriate new construction in-fill would be most advantageous to the process of building an urban neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, successful mixed-income residential developments have development partners that understand the need for economic and social integration of the neighborhood, the need to stay involved in the community for the long-term, and the need to incorporate appropriate commercial and institutional uses with the new residential products; and

WHEREAS, housing developments of the type envisioned require extensive with multi-layered financial partnerships involving neighborhood groups, financial institutions, foundations, state and local governments, and federal agencies; and

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WHEREAS, the realization of such a mixed-income and mixed-use residential project of scale will ensure that the targeted area/neighborhood will be economically diverse, architecturally appropriate and pleasing, functional, connected, and offer a clear sense of place to residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. Escambia County reaffirms its top priority in the achievement of a mixed-income residential development of scale in the downtown and/or close-in older neighborhoods.

Section 3. Escambia County encourages and invites any private development entity or entities experienced to attempt such a project in this community with such developments of scale in an urban setting.

Section 3. Escambia County pledges to work closely with any such experienced housing development entity that brings forward a proposal for establishment of a mixed-income and mixed-use residential community of scale within the downtown area and/or close-in older neighborhoods around downtown for the realization of this most important community priority.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 23rd day of July 2009.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Marie Young
Marie Young, Chairman



ATTEST: *Ernie Lee Magaha*
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Doris Harris
Deputy Clerk

BCC Approved: July 23, 2009

This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By *[Signature]*
Title County Attorney
Date 7/23/09

Date Executed

July 23, 2009