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October 4, 2024

Shannan Campbell
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Dear Shannan,

On December 14, 2020, the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners granted Habitat for Humanity of Orange County a Special Use Permit for the East Village at Meadowlands project, which will provide 75 families with the opportunity to own an affordable townhome in Hillsborough. In June of 2022, we requested a 2 year extension of the SUP as we started our Weavers Grove Project in Chapel Hill. **At this time, we would like to request a six month extension to the Special Use Permit.** This would extend the Vested Rights for the property and the time allowed for approval of a Zoning Compliance Permit until June 14, 2025.

Habitat has applied for a ZCP for East Village, and that plan set is currently going through an extensive review. We are committed to a well-designed project that is as close to its final state upon approval as it can be. Because of this, the approval process has been slower than expected and we are concerned that final approval may extend past the current December 14th, 2024 deadline. We neither expect or desire to take the full six months to conclude the ZCP approval and start work on the site. Habitat has applied for and been approved for a 2-million-dollar infrastructure loan through the Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina Affiliate Support Organization, so we are ready to start this work as soon as we receive approvals. We are eager to get back to work in Hillsborough, and hope that the approval delays do not affect the home construction we have on our schedule for 2026. We would rather take a little more time at this moment to make sure that we have a site plan that fits both the Town of Hillsborough's requirements as well as works for the community we are trying to build for our future homebuyers.

Please consider this letter a formal request to the Town of Hillsborough for a six-month extension to the Special Use Permit for East Village at Meadowlands. Please let me know if you require additional information, or have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

In Partnership,

Richard Turlington
Vice President of Construction