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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. **At this time, we would like to request a two-year 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 December 14, 2024.

Habitat and the Town have worked together on many successful projects, including the senior community of Crescent Magnolia in Waterstone, the construction of over 50 new homes in Fairview, and the 25 single-family homes currently being built on Odie Street. Habitat staff and volunteers look forward to builds in Hillsborough, and our homebuyers consider the Town a highly desirable place to live.

When we purchased the land and received the Special Use Permit in December 2020, we did not yet know when this project would best fit into our schedule. Subsequently, we decided to move forward with our Weavers Grove project in Chapel Hill. This project represents nearly 20 years of planning and will be our largest community to date, with 101 Habitat homes and 136 market-rate homes for purchase. In undertaking this large-scale project, we have already learned many lessons which will help us improve our work on future developments, including East Village.

Due to the timing of our work at Weavers Grove, we need to delay further planning of East Village. Habitat remains firmly committed to this project, and we look forward to working with the Town to make it a reality in the future.

Please consider this letter a formal request to the Town of Hillsborough for a two-year 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