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Tampa, Florida 33602

Re: Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County  
Down-payment Assistance program  
SHIP Funding Agreement

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am responding to the letter providing Notice of Termination to the Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County dated January 26, 2018. The letter states that the HFA "cannot or is not willing to comply with the City of Tampa's program requirements" (copy enclosed). The letter also allows the HFA to waive the 30 day termination period.

The City and the HFA entered into the Funding Agreement, and subsequently when meeting to implement the Agreement, the City wanted to impose additional requirements. The HFA and the City agreed it was not in the City's nor the HFA's best interest to move forward. The tone of the letter implies that the HFA failed to follow the requirements of the Funding Agreement, which is not the case. I want to make sure the record is clear.

Hopefully, in the future the City and HFA can work together for the promotion of affordable housing in the community.

Sincerely,

Mary Helen Farris, General Counsel

MHF/dc  
Enclosure

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# CITY OF TAMPA

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

Office of the City Attorney  
Salvatore Territo  
City Attorney

VIA U.S. Certified Mail, CMRRR

January 26, 2018

Housing Finance Authority  
Attn: Mark Hendrikson  
1404 Alban Avenue  
Tampa, FL 32301

Re: Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County  
Downpayment Assistance Program  
SHIP Program Funding Agreement  
Notice of Termination

Dear Mr. Hendrikson:

It has been brought to my attention that the Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County ("HFA") cannot or is not willing to comply with the City of Tampa's program requirements under the above-referenced Agreement ("Agreement"). No funds have been expended to date.

Accordingly, as provided in Article IV of the Agreement, the City hereby gives written notice of termination. The Agreement shall be deemed officially terminated thirty days after the date hereof unless you waive the thirty-day period required thereby. Please indicate the waiver by signing and dating on the spaces provided below and return one signed original to the City of Tampa, in care of Vanessa McCleary at 306 East Jackson Street, 3N, Tampa, Florida, with an electronic copy to me at [jorge.martin@tampagov.net](mailto:jorge.martin@tampagov.net).

Feel free to call me if you have any questions concerning the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Jorge Martin  
Sr. Assistant City Attorney

cc Vanessa McCleary  
Belix Parks  
Qiana Daughtry

HFA notice period waived by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Hendrickson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_