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Ms. Kathy Grandt
Community Association Manager
Renaissance I Association, Inc.
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Sarasota, FL 34236

Re: Renaissance View Corridor Easement

Dear Mr. Thompson and Ms. Grandt:

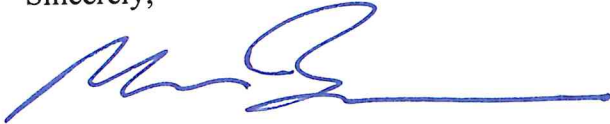
I am in receipt of the letter from Mr. Thompson dated February 4, 2021, although I must state that it was not received by my Office until March 22, 2021.

Firstly, regarding the new performing arts center, there are no plans making their way through the City's approval process for this project. The City was provided and are in on-going discussions with the Van Wezel Foundation on possible concepts and "massing" of the project on the site just to be able visualize the effect on the surrounding environs. To your point, this included how the proposed "fly tower", which as it now stands, is higher than the allowable 90 feet above the flood zone, would impact the view of the adjacent buildings.

Secondly, I agree that the residents of the Renaissance should have knowledge of what is being proposed. Accordingly, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Board and/or all members of the Association to address any questions or concerns that they may have. I would suggest that we schedule such a meeting on a mutually convenient date and time at some point during the last week of April or the first two weeks in May. I would request that you please advise me as to those dates and times that might work best for your Board to schedule a time to meet.

I hope we can work in partnership to bring this new performing arts center to a reality and that together, we can all look forward to a beautiful and exciting new 53 - acre blue/green oasis Bay Park rather than what is now asphalt and concrete. I look forward to your response. Be safe and hope to talk soon.

Sincerely,



Marlon Brown
City Manager

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Robert Fournier, City Attorney

Pat Robinson, Deputy City Manager

Mary Bense, Executive Director, Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Cheryl Mendelson, Chief Executive Officer, Van Wezel Foundation