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February 4, 2020

Mr. Ken Lawson, Executive Director Department of Economic Opportunity 107 East Madison Street Caldwell Building, Suite 212 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120

## Dear Director Lawson:

The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (Committee) met on December 12, 2019, and discussed local governmental entities that failed to respond to the Governor's Office regarding financial emergency condition(s) met by the local governmental entities. In accordance with the provisions of Section 218.503(3), *Florida Statutes*, the Committee adopted a motion to take action pursuant to Section 11.40(2), *Florida Statutes*.

Section 11.40(2), *Florida Statutes*, provides, in part, that, if the Committee determines one or more municipalities should be subjected to further state action, the Committee shall:

• In the case of a special district, notify the Department of Economic Opportunity that the special district has failed to comply with the law. Upon receipt of notification, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 or Section 189.067, *Florida Statutes*.

The Palm River Community Development District, the Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District, and the Villages of Avignon Community Development District have not yet provided the requested information to the Governor's Office as required by Section 218.503(3), Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Committee has determined that these special districts should be subjected to further state action. Accordingly, the Committee requests that the Department of Economic Opportunity proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 or Section 189.067, Florida Statutes.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 487-4110.

Sincerely,

Kathryn H. DuBose

Coordinator

cc: sent by Certified Mail: Mr. Brian Lamb, Registered Agent, Palm River Community Development District and

Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District

Mr. Kevin Grace, District Manager and Registered Agent, Villages of Avignon

Community Development District (per District website)

cc: sent by Email: Representative Jason Fischer, Chair

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