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December 9, 2021

Mr. Dane Eagle, Secretary
Department of Economic Opportunity
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Caldwell Building, Suite 212
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Dear Secretary Eagle:

The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (Committee) met on October 14, 2021, and discussed local governmental entities that have met a condition of a financial emergency and have failed to respond to the request from the Governor's Office of the Chief Inspector General (Office) for additional information, pursuant to Section 218.503(3), *Florida Statutes*. In accordance with the provisions of Section 218.503(3), *Florida Statutes*, the Office notified the Committee of such noncompliance after the local governmental entities failed to provide the requested information to the Office. 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 local governmental entities 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(3), *Florida Statutes*.

The information requested by the Office was not provided by the following special districts:

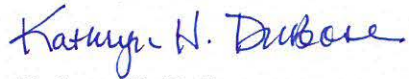
1. **CBL/BM Port Orange West Community Development District**
2. **Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District**

Because the above-noted special districts have not yet provided the requested information to the Office as required by law, the Committee has determined that further state action should occur. Accordingly, the Committee requests that the Department of Economic Opportunity proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 (potentially declare the special district inactive) or Section 189.067(3) (potential legal action), *Florida Statutes*.

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

Sincerely,



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