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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Jay Melder, City Manager
City of Savannah
P.O. Box 1027
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RE: Lease of 4,800 square feet of the first floor of the Gamble Building known as 5 E. River Street, Savannah, Georgia (the "Premises")

Jay,

As you know, our firm represents Galaxy Café, Inc, dba Olympia Café. I am sorry to report to you that Vasilis Varlagas and Laura Papas (widow of Nick Papas) have been unable to resolve differences related to the ownership of the restaurant and are parting ways. My understanding is that Vasilis has left the business and is opening a different restaurant in a different location. Laura Papas is unfortunately unable to operate a restaurant herself. Therefore, she will not be able to move forward with the lease of the Premises and has no objection to the City leasing to another party.

Please know that Vasilis and Laura very much appreciate the City's long-term relationship with Olympia Café. For more than 30 years Olympia Café occupied the Premises and did its best to greet and serve the many visitors to the City of Savannah. The owners are grateful for the support of the City and the Community over those many years. I too am personally grateful for the work that was put in by City Staff throughout the RFP process.

Sincerely,

Robert L. McCorkle, III
Attorney at Law

cc: Eric Chin (via email)

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