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ORACLE AREA
REVITALIZATION PLAN
(OARP)

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SUBJECT: Ghost Ranch Lodge Apartments (Tucson, Arizona)

Dear Mr. Karnas:

At the February 27, 2008 meeting of the Citizens Steering Committee (CSC) for the Oracle Area Revitalization Plan (OARP) members supported by unanimous decision the proposed rehabilitation and revitalization of the Ghost Ranch Lodge. The proposal by Atlantic Development & Investments for Phase I redevelopment as presented to the CSC is in alignment with the goals of the OARP project.

The purpose of the OARP is to encourage the development of a variety of housing options, employment opportunities, and other elements to revitalize the project area, while preserving the area's historic character.

The Ghost Ranch Lodge is a landmark for all of Tucson in that the original owner, Arthur Pack, was a co-founder of the world famous Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and a founding father in the Sonoran Desert preservation movement.

This project is a homerun in that it will increase the supply of low-income and senior housing, will contribute to the CSC's revitalization effort, and will preserve the historic Joesler-designed buildings, Georgia O'Keeffe logo and sign, desert gardens and history that is the Ghost Ranch Lodge.

As CSC Chair and current resident in the Miracle Manor neighborhood, the Ghost Ranch Lodge is my neighbor. I know that a favorable funding decision will not only benefit the neighborhoods like mine that are adjacent to the Ghost Ranch Lodge, but will also have a positive impact on the entire OARP project area.

Sincerely,

Charles Wachtel, Chair

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