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The Honorable Bill Gulliford City Council President c/o Legislative Services 400 West Duval Street, Suite 430 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: Ordinances 2013-464-E, 2013-465-E, 2013-466-E

Dear President Gulliford:

Enclosed are Ordinances 2013-464-E, 2013-465-E, and 2013-466-E, which I am returning to City Council without my signature.

In order to focus on ways that we can work together to improve our community, I have decided not to exercise my line-item veto authority. Now that the budget process is at an end, I look forward to working closely with Council members to achieve the following goals:

- Finding a comprehensive retirement reform solution through the Jacksonville Retirement Reform Task Force chaired by Bill Scheu
- Attracting companies to invest and expand in Jacksonville, especially at JAXPORT, by working with JAX Chamber and focusing on small business and entrepreneurs
- Revitalizing Downtown to make it a destination to live, work, and play
- Protecting our brave military personnel and veterans
- Boosting quality of life by focusing on parks, housing, and public-private partnerships
- Enhancing our educational system through support for schools, teachers, and families

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your service to Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

Alvin Brown

cc: City Council Members Council Auditor's Office