



April 9, 2009

Hall County Board of Commissioners  
Attn: Honorable Tom Oliver  
Chairman  
P.O. Drawer 1435  
Gainesville, GA 30503

RE: Hall Co. Jail / North Georgia Detention Center ("Facility")

Dear Chairman Oliver,


First, let me thank you and the other members of the Hall County Commission for your assistance as Corrections Corporation of America ("CCA") prepares to operate the Facility pursuant to the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Hall County ("County") and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and the Lease between the County and CCA. As you know, CCA has begun making renovations to the Facility in preparation to house ICE detainees. The City of Gainesville ("City") issued a building permit to CCA for interior renovations at the Facility, however, the City has not issued building permits allowing CCA to perform other construction work (i.e. modular office building, exterior building sign and certificate of occupancy). CCA is requesting that the County issue the necessary building permits.

While CCA does not agree that the Facility is subject to City zoning requirements, in a good faith effort to address concerns raised by the City regarding CCA's operation of the Facility, including the issues listed in a March 19, 2009 letter from Mr. James F. Palmour III, City Attorney, CCA has presented the City with several reasonable solutions. Most recently, on Monday CCA presented the City with detailed plans to address their concerns. CCA staff attended the City Planning Committee meeting yesterday to formally present the proposal to address what had been identified as the City's primary concern, the razor wire fence. They were notified by Mr. Rusty Ligon, City Planning Director that he had been instructed not to accept CCA's proposal for consideration before the Planning Committee since it was for work not permitted by zoning. Mr. Ligon also confirmed that as of today no additional inspections will be conducted by the City Inspection Services Department for the construction and renovations currently underway and nearing completion at the Facility despite the fact that the City issued a building permit for this work and has been conducting such inspections to date.

This project will provide 160 jobs adding millions of dollars to the local economy over the life of the contract. CCA has made every effort to be reasonable and accommodating to the City, however, we are unable to proceed with the project at this point without the additional building permits. Accordingly, we request approval from the Hall County Board of Commissioners for the necessary building permits and any other approvals to complete construction work at the Facility. Due to the urgent nature of this matter, we request that it be placed on the agenda for the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting. If you should have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to let me know.

CCA is excited about joining the local community and looks forward to developing a long term partnership with the County. We appreciate the County's consideration of our request.

Regards



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Federal and Local Customer Relations