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CITY OF ATLANTA LAW DEPT.

December 30, 2005

Honorable Shirley C. Franklin, Mayor
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Offer for City Facilities

Dear Mayor Franklin:

At it's meeting on December 21, 2005, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted to make an offer to purchase the Atlanta Municipal Court Building and to lease no less than 800 beds at the City Detention Center. Accordingly, on behalf of Fulton County I hereby tender an offer to purchase the Atlanta Municipal Court Building for the sum of $13.1 million (Thirteen Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars). This offer is based on a recent appraisal of the property of $11.1 million (Eleven Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars), increased by $1 million (One Million Dollars) to compensate the City of Atlanta for design work on the site and $1 million (One Million Dollars) to buy out the City's contract with the U. S. Marshals Service (Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Number 3-19-94). Fulton County offers to lease no less than 800 beds at the City Detention Center at a rate if $55.00 (Fifty-five Dollars) per day per inmate for a period of 5 years.

As you are no doubt aware, Fulton County is in dire need of jail beds and space. This need is paramount to any need for additional court space. The Municipal Court Building is appealing precisely because of its proximity and connectivity to the Detention Center.

The Board of Commissioners is dedicated to resolving problems created by the need for jail space. I am certain that you and the City of Atlanta want to work cooperatively to resolve systemic criminal justice issues that affect both our jurisdictions. To that end, the Board of Commissioners is desirous of an expeditious transfer of interests for the subject properties.

The forgoing offer is made in good faith and will remain outstanding for 30 days. I eagerly await your acceptance.

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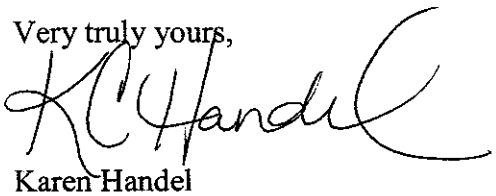
Very truly yours,



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