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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Karen C. Handel
Chairman
Board of Commissioners of Fulton County
Fulton County Government Center
141 Pryor Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Fulton County's Offer for City Facilities

Dear Chairman Handel:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 25, 2006 in response to the City's counterproposal regarding the City Detention Center and the old Municipal Court building. I am writing to you now to update you on an important detail that has changed since my letter of January 18, 2006.

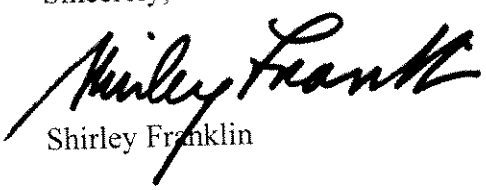
As you know, the City and County currently have an agreement to provide beds in the City Detention Center, which provides for use by Fulton County of up to 112 beds based on bed availability in our facility. The County is not currently using these beds. To explore whether we could accommodate an additional agreement between the City and the County, I asked my staff to meet with the U.S. Marshal Service regarding the use of the City Detention Center by USMS and other federal agencies. As we mentioned in our counterproposal, the only way that the City could provide a significant number of additional beds to the County would be for the USMS to be willing to terminate the contract it has with the City.

In a meeting yesterday, the USMS made it very clear that the federal agencies need this bed space in the City Detention Center and will not agree to a change in the arrangement. Our contract with the USMS runs through 2012 and can only be terminated with their consent. Given the current position of the USMS, the City is not likely able to

supply the 500 beds discussed in our counterproposal, and therefore this portion of our counterproposal is no longer viable.

We remain committed to working with the County to seek mutually acceptable solutions to the County's criminal justice challenges. In light of the USMS's unwillingness to terminate its contract with the City, however, a meeting to discuss bed space in the City Detention Center may not be productive. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Sincerely,



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