



## CITY OF GAINESVILLE

*Office of the City Commission*

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Scott Miller  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 4 Director

Director Miller,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Protect Gainesville Citizens (PGC). PGC is a local advocacy group brought together by our collective concerns surrounding the Koppers clean-up and redevelopment plans. They are applying for a Technical Assistance Grant from the EPA to secure funds for hiring a technical advisor who can address questions and concerns about the upcoming feasibility study, and monitor progress during the clean-up.

Protect Gainesville Citizens is a grassroots level community advocacy group that grew out of the increasing awareness and concerns surrounding the clean-up of the Koppers Superfund site. They represent a broad cross-section of effected parties and have shown a commitment to the process as a whole.

As you well know, I have been aggressively involved in the Koppers clean-up process since taking office nearly two years ago and unofficially involved as a concerned resident for much longer. I not only represent the district in which the site is located on the Gainesville City Commission, but I live only a short distance from the proposed site as well. Based on both of these factors, I believe that I can confidently submit that Protect Gainesville Citizens would provide a positive and helpful voice to accomplishing our mutual goals of a timely and thorough clean-up of the site and a redevelopment worthy of the area's quality of life expectations.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Best,

Lauren Poe  
District 2 Commissioner  
City of Gainesville, FL