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CITY of GULFPORT

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To Whom It May Concern:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, our city was fortunate to have individuals from around our country come to our community as part of the rebuilding efforts. Without them, our city would not be where it is today. Mr. Curt Jarmer was one of those individuals who showed great interest in what could be done to help restore our city from the destruction endured by Katrina.

We met Mr. Jarmer in 2006 when he came to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He met with me and former Mayor Brent Warr where we had an opportunity to visit and discuss various key areas that had been destroyed by the storm. We briefed him on our city's rebuilding plan and shared with him the outcome of world-renowned architect Andres Duany Charrette which was developed to rebuild the entire coast. We certainly appreciated his interest in our city and in several of our key areas including the Gulfport Harbor and the former site of the Veterans Administration Hospital. I am happy to report that the harbor has been fully restored thanks to the support of federal funding that was appropriated by our Congressional delegation in DC and that the VA site, now known as Centennial Plaza, is underway to be developed by a very successful developer out of Louisiana.

We certainly appreciate all of those who came to our aid following the aftermath of Katrina and certainly appreciated the interest Mr. Jarmer showed in our city.

Sincerely,

John R. Kelly
Chief Administrative Officer