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Dear Neighborhood Representatives,

You are well aware that Georgia State University ("University"), Panther Holdings, LLC ("Panther"), a subsidiary of the Georgia State University Foundation, Inc. ("GSUF"), and Carter, Oakwood, and Healey Weatherholtz ("COHW") recently acquired 68 acres of land previously owned by the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority ("AFCRA") that included the stadium formerly known as Turner Field and certain designated surrounding surface parking lots ("Property").

Not only will the Property be another significant part of Georgia State’s development that has revitalized Downtown Atlanta and the City of Atlanta’s urban core, it will also serve as a catalyst for maximizing the economic, social, and cultural opportunities for the residents of your respective neighborhoods, many of whom are faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the University.

Furthermore, the most positive results for all concerned will be achieved through sustained, good faith cooperation between the University, our development partners and the neighborhoods, along with applicable elected officials and nonprofit leaders. We believe that all parties have evidenced strong cooperation as we have discussed ways that the University can partner with your respective neighborhoods to (1) honor the neighborhoods’ histories and athletic legacies and (2) be an integral part of the neighborhoods’ vibrant, thriving community.
Consistent with our prior conversations, we are sharing the attached *Anchoring Communities* document with you and your respective neighborhood associations. This document sets forth the types of resources and programs the University can bring to the neighborhoods and that it is permitted to provide as a public entity of the State of Georgia. These resources and programs are also the ones that there was collective agreement by the parties as to their value to the residents of Summerhill, Peoplestown, Mechanicsville, and Grant Park. The recommendations center around five broad themes:

1. Building Strong Educational Foundations
2. Building Vibrant, Healthy, and Safe Neighborhoods
3. Promoting and Leveraging the Arts, Culture, and Sports
4. Enhancing Science and the Urban Environment
5. Encouraging Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

The University believes that the actions set forth in the *Anchoring Communities* document will bring life to the academic mission of the institution and create substantial, deep relationships between the neighborhoods and the University’s faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Finally, to encourage the sustained connection between the neighborhoods and the University, we have created a Georgia State University Stadium Neighborhood Engagement Committee to oversee the University’s collective activities in the neighborhoods and to provide a single point-of-contact for the neighborhoods to the University. This Committee is chaired by Mr. Bharath Parthasarathy, Deputy General Counsel, with whom you all have previously worked, and is composed of senior administrative and academic University leaders. This Committee shall be accessible to the neighborhood and shall provide updates regarding the University’s *Anchoring Communities* activities.

Georgia State University believes the redevelopment will be transformational for all parties involved, including the neighborhoods, the University, and the City of Atlanta. We embrace our relationship with Summerhill, Peoplestown, Mechanicsville, and Grant Park, and look forward to the future together at the Property.

Warmest regards,

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