

Gainesville City Commissioners
City of Gainesville
Gainesville, FL

Dear Mr. Mayor and Commissioners,

Emmanuel Mennonite Church endorses the work of the Alachua County Labor Coalition and others to provide accessible housing in our community for lower-income families and individuals. We believe that access to shelter, like access to food and clean water, is a natural human right. Sadly here in Gainesville and Alachua County as in many other communities the housing market does not deliver affordable housing either for purchase or rental. Developers have understandably built for the high end of the market, sometimes with public assistance in the form of tax breaks, and neglected housing for the working poor. We have many vacant luxury apartments across town, while the supply of low-rent units does not meet the demand. We hope city and county can work together to solve this problem.

Eve MacMaster, Pastor