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RE: Evergreen Development

Dear Chairs and Board Members:

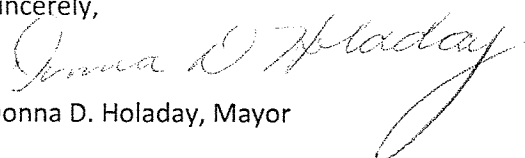
I am writing to update you on the City's work with the developer of the proposed Evergreen Commons. As you are aware, one of our primary concerns has been water – potential contaminants and the source for a future well to enhance our water supply. The city tested for over 250 possible contaminants, and the results show the well is clean, notwithstanding the nearby golf course and residential homes.

In regards to a future well and water supply, on January 20th, the developer offered the city the right to test for possible well sites on the location at a specific site. However, the water department determined they wanted further testing in more areas on the property and, at this time, the developer is working cooperatively with the city to permit and arrange various testing possibilities.

As the water department testing for well locations is separate and apart from the permitting process that each of your boards are involved in, I would respectfully request that you move forward with your permitting process as you are required to do. I would like to also emphasize the preferred development is the OSRD.

Thank you for your ongoing work on behalf of the city.

Sincerely,


Donna D. Holaday, Mayor