



January 25, 2016

Mayor Lenny Curry
Jacksonville City Hall
117 W. Duval St.
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mayor Curry,

I am writing today regarding the City of Jacksonville's partnership with 100 Resilient Cities. As you are aware, Jacksonville was chosen to be part of our network in December 2013, and hosted its kickoff workshop shortly after. We've greatly enjoyed working with your city over the past two years, and appreciate the time you and your staff have spent with us.

We work with many cities around the world and understand there are frequent changes in leadership within city governments. In each instance, we have taken the moment of transition to connect with the new leadership and administration and evaluate if the partnership with 100RC is something that the city desires and whether it would be a good fit. We recognize that this partnership takes a great deal of work on behalf of the city, and is only worthwhile if it is something the city can fully commit to.

As you know, we met with you and your staff in September and over the past six months, we have had detailed conversations about the opportunities 100RC provides and the requirements for participating in our network. During those conversations, we agreed on a deadline of the end of the year for the City to determine its interest in continuing this partnership. We understand that the priorities of setting up your administration perhaps have made it a challenge to dedicate resources and time to making this partnership a success. We of course respect this decision and wish you and the City of Jacksonville the very best.

The original application Jacksonville submitted detailed some of the most crucial urban resilience issues of our time, ranging from strengthening the city against hurricanes and severe storms, to addressing shifting economic conditions for the future, to weakened infrastructure. We hope the citizens of Jacksonville and your administration will continue to seek solutions for adapting to these shocks and stresses, and build toward a more resilient future.

It's been a great pleasure working with the citizens, elected officials, and leaders of the City of Jacksonville. We wish you continued success in office, and look forward to following your progress. If there is an opportunity to collaborate around resilience in the future, we would be pleased to discuss the possibilities. Should you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance in any way, please let us know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Berkowitz'.

Michael Berkowitz
President, 100 Resilient Cities

CC: Kerri Stewart, Olivia Stinson, Amy Armstrong, Melissa Hart