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Ms. Jane Oates, Asst. Secretary, D.O.L.
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Dear Asst. Secretary Oates:

On June 5th an e-mail to Mr. Dennis Johnson at DOL, was forwarded to your attention. I am personally sending you a copy of the correspondence to make sure you have received it. If you need to speak with me, please contact me at (228) 861-4597 or gayle13@cableone.net.

Ms. Oates we urgently need to finalize dates to resume negotiations on the status of 33rd Avenue High School, Job Corp Center in Gulfport, MS, as soon as possible.

Thank you, for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely



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33rd Avenue Job Corp Center, Gulfport, MS

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Wed, Jun 5, 2013 at 4:20 AM

To: "Johnson, Dennis - ETA" <johnson.dennis@dol.gov>

June 4, 2012

Attn: Ms. Jane Oates
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Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Ms. Oates:

Thank you for your interest in the **33rd Avenue Job Corp Center** located in beautiful **Gulfport, MS**. The **33rd Avenue Alumni Association, The Quarters Group, The Concerned Citizens Coalition, and The Mardi Gras Birthday Club**, are organizations interested in the **preservation/restoration of historic 33rd Avenue High School**. We have been in contact with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and our community is ready to begin the process of restoration and revitalization of a school, rich in historical legacy, community pride and culture.

33rd Avenue High School has produced world renown doctors, lawyers, athletes, Civil Rights Leaders, teachers, business professionals, entertainers and the list goes on and on. It is of great significance to note, that in spite of our once turbulent state history, the **State of MS, Dept. of Archives and History**, has acknowledged that **33rd Avenue High School** has earned a place in history that is worthy of state, local and national recognition. We are thankful and very proud of that achievement. We intend to place some of the schools' artifacts in the planned newly planned **Civil Rights Museum** in Jackson, Ms.

We sincerely appreciate the tremendous support received from the **State of Mississippi, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History**, as well as other state and city officials who have supported the preservation of **33rd Avenue High School**. It is very fitting that **Job Corp** continue to carry on the rich legacy of excellence in education, exposed by former educators at said school; They are needed as an educational partner in our community.

Ms. Oates, **August 29, 2013** will mark eight long years the buildings have sat neglected, in disrepair. At present, much of the damage to the campus, has been collateral to Hurricane Katrina, and is attributed to **human apathy**. **Campus buildings need to be covered and secured as soon as possible**, in order to alleviate further preventable structural damages. In this case would it be the Tenants' responsibility or the Landlords' obligation ?

However, it is imperative that steps be taken as soon as possible to prevent "significant deterioration" of the existing structures, being recognized for their historical value. **Is the facility insured by DOL or the City of Gulfport?**

Considering that many people have plans for this summer, i.e., vacations, graduations and travel, we are asking **DOL to review dates available to meet in August or September 2013 with our community, identify our historical concerns regarding the campus buildings, and restart**

the legal process initiated pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and 36 CFR Part 800.

The City of Gulfport will have a new administration installed this Summer, and we anticipate state and municipal assistance regarding preservation of this historic treasure.

Please respond by e-mail to gayle *13Gable* or by mail to my attention at: Attorney Gayle Tart, P.O. Box 882, Long Beach, MS 39560. *one.net*

Thank you for your time and consideration given to this important issue.

Respectfully,



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