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Mayor Thomas:

As you know, the Galveston Housing Authority has spent many months presenting a variety of rebuilding plans to the citizens of Galveston. On 20 November, the Galveston Open Government Project delivered an article to City Council via email entitled [“Galveston: the End of the Road?”](#) which outlined the case that none of the GHA plans conform to current court-directed HUD policy. On 03 December, I covered the same issues during public comment at the Council meeting. On 04 December, the GOGP sent the City Attorney a [brief summary of our research](#).

To ensure that the City Council has a more detailed explanation on how these legal cases effect their current deliberations, on Public Housing, the GOGP is requesting that the primary investigator on this subject, Chris Toombs, be allowed to give his presentation, [“A Bold New Approach to Subsidized Housing”](#), to Council, at the 10 December meeting.

This would allow Council to be fully informed, to ask questions, and to have the City Attorney comment and question our conclusions in the presentation. Since you have clearly indicated

that you feel a sense of urgency with regard to this matter, we ask that you put this presentation on the 10 December agenda, in order to facilitate this critical interchange as quickly as possible.

To view the presentation, go to:

<http://www.galvestonogp.org/GHA/GalvestonHousingAuthority.ppt>

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

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