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September 10, 2009

The Honorable Kevin Foy, Mayor  
Town of Chapel Hill  
405 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mayor Foy,

I am writing to advise you of the status of the County's efforts to resolve long-term solid waste disposal issues for Orange County and its Towns. Certainly, media accounts may have provided some of these details, but it is important that we fully update the Town on our process and focus of action.

First, the Board of County Commissioners has narrowed its action paths to four options and is focusing on refining each option to the point of finalizing a decision for consideration by the Board at its meeting on December 7.

The options that are being considered are:

- The Highway 54 site previously evaluated as a leading site for consideration. Preliminary engineering has verified this site as feasible and environmentally acceptable;
- The Town of Chapel Hill site, behind the Town's maintenance facility located off Millhouse Road was proposed earlier this summer. Any further consideration of this site is subject to the Town Board indicating its willingness to provide the site to the County, and under what conditions and circumstances;
- A ten-acre county-owned site near the railroad crossing off Millhouse Road ( near the Town's maintenance facility);
- Pursuit of a short-term and long-term arrangement with the City of Durham to have Orange County-generated municipal solid waste delivered to the City's transfer station in Durham, near Interstate 85.

In order for the County Commissioners to move toward a final decision, we need for the Town of Chapel Hill to indicate whether the potential to use the Town's site is feasible, available, and under what terms and conditions. We would appreciate the Town Council pursuing consideration of this issue as soon as practical. If offered, the site will still need engineering evaluation and site and permitting reviews before we can begin the process of pursuing construction.

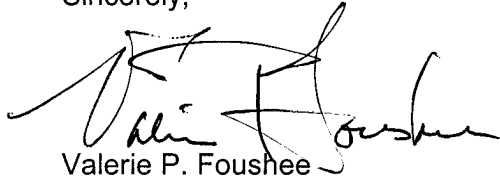
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Please let me know if we can provide further information or if County staff involvement is required to assist with this issue consideration. We look forward to the Town's prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie P. Foushee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "F".

Valerie P. Foushee  
Chair, Orange County Board of Commissioners

CC: Roger Stancil, Town Manager  
Board of County Commissioners  
Frank W. Clifton, Jr., Interim County Manager