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Amazon.com  
Att: Jeffrey P. Bezos  
410 Terry Avenue North  
Seattle Washington 98109-5210

Re: Amazon Corporate Headquarter Search

Dear Mr. Bezos:

As the County Commissioner for District 3 (Northwest Broward), I have been following with great interest the various reports of Amazon and its search for a second corporate headquarters somewhere in North America. As I am sure you are aware, Broward County is located in Southeast Florida and based on your internal guidance would be an ideal location for Amazon's second headquarters.

According to the published reports and internal guidance provided by your company, Amazon needs a location within North American near a metropolitan area with one million people with a stable business climate. As we can discuss further, statistics compiled and presented by our Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance (GFLA) confirms Northwest Broward's ability to meet your needs. South Florida (Miami Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan statistical area in the nation. The region has a combined population of nearly 6 million, with 60 percent of our population in the prime working ages. Within Northwest Broward we have multiple corporate parks and potential for future availability.

Our convenient Southeast Florida location has a skilled tech labor force and our area, as further noted by the GFLA already has nearly 80,000 information and communication workers in the region. We are home to numerous, colleges and universities, providing continuous graduating talent available for future recruitment. The State of Florida is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest state for high-tech establishments and the third largest exporter of high tech products, much of which is coming directly from the South Florida area.

Northwest Broward boasts easy convenient access to 3 major international airports. Our Broward based Ft. Lauderdale International Airport, is one of the fastest growing airports in the nation and has direct flights to all of the cities mentioned in your internal guidance. Additionally, Broward County is making major capital investments for our airports future growth. The Northwest Broward area also has easy access to 7 private aviation facilities



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for executives and high end business travelers. Our seaport, Port Everglades is ranked as the number one container port in Florida and number 1 seaport for exports in Florida. Our area is also commonly thought of as the gateway to Latin America and their growing markets as well.

We are in a business friendly State with zero state income tax and a mild climate with an 82 degree average temperature. Our South Florida location offers plenty in the way of amenities, outdoor activities and recreational opportunities.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you or any of your senior executives in greater detail to see if we can move this process further.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Udine", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Udine  
Broward County Commissioner District 3

cc: Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance  
Coral Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Tamarac Chamber of Commerce  
Parkland Chamber of Commerce