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Re: Pelican Coast Development Across from Hightower Oceanside Wildlife and Habitat
Preserve in Satellite Beach

Dear Mr. Owens and Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 2, 2020, regarding the above. We have researched this issue and contrary to the assertion in your letter, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has no jurisdiction over local development approvals. Our jurisdiction is limited to the review of comprehensive plans and plan amendments pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, DEO has no authority to review, suspend or rescind the above City of Satellite Beach development approval as requested in your letter.

Your letter identifies an agreement between the City of Satellite Beach and the Florida Communities Trust. The Florida Communities Trust program is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). You should contact the Florida Communities Trust with any concerns regarding the program's agreement with the City.

Sincerely,

Mario Rubio, Director
Division of Community Development

MR/ss

cc: Florida Representative Randy Fine
U.S. Representative Bill Posey

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