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RICK SCOTT Governor BILLY BUZZETT Secretary

May 27, 2011

The Honorable Harvey Goldberg Mayor, City of Punta Gorda 326 West Marion Avenue Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Dear Mayor Goldberg:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department has completed its preliminary and final review of the adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the City of Punta Gorda, adopted on May 4, 2011, and has determined that the EAR is sufficient, as defined in Subsection 163.3191(2), Florida Statutes. The City may proceed with the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments in addition to EAR-based amendments.

Please note that a formal sufficiency determination does not constitute a compliance review of the proposed amendments identified in the Report. Amendments referenced in the EAR will be reviewed for consistency with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, when submitted as proposed amendments. Amendments to update a comprehensive plan based on the EAR shall be adopted during a single amendment cycle within 18 months after the EAR is determined to be sufficient by the state land planning agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Murphy, Community Planner, at (850) 921-4767.

Sincerely,

Bola Winningham

Regional Planning Administrator

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cc: Mr. Ken Heatherington, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Ms. Joan LeBeau, Chief Planner, City of Punta Gorda