



July 24, 2018

Mr. Clark Duncan  
Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1010  
Asheville, NC 28802

Mr. Duncan,

On June 16, 2016, Buncombe County issued a letter supporting plans for the Black Mountain Commerce Park to become a North Carolina Department of Commerce Certified Site. This letter re-certifies Buncombe County's support for the Black Mountain Commerce Park as a member of the Certified Sites Program.

The Black Mountain Commerce Park is a very exciting opportunity for our community. This project represents what is possible when the State, local governments and private enterprise partner effectively. Our staff have worked closely with Dr. Bobilya to ensure that this site meets all projected zoning, utility, and transportation needs. We believe that sufficient due diligence has been performed to ensure sustainable development and protection of the environment.

This project furthers the County's goals of stimulating economic development and we are already beginning to see the benefits. On May 11, 2017, the Buncombe County Board of Adjustment approved the Avadim Technologies project. Avadim Technologies will be an anchor tenant of the park and facility construction is projected to conclude in December 2019. This is one of the largest economic development projects in Buncombe County history and will result in the construction of a \$20.4 million facility and creation of more than 500 jobs.

The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, County staff and I are pleased to offer our continued support for the re-certification process. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for your support in making Buncombe County a great place to live and work.

Sincerely,

George Wood  
Interim County Manager