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Dear Shri

Siddanand Gowda. arave

As discussed in my earlier meetings with you, I have been receiving representations from many Resident Welfare Associations all over the city complaining how neighborhoods are being destroyed in the name of development thrust on them by some vested interests. You will agree that this model of development - where local residents are neither consulted nor their consent is taken - is not consistent with a Government that believes in public service.

As you further aware, the Karnataka High Court recently stayed all commercial activities in residential areas vide a PIL filed by Citizens' Action Forum (CAF).

Bengaluru has a long history of very livable residential areas, but the renowned feel of a comfortable and attractive city is now at risk. We can only hope to restore this by promoting community engagement on key issues and challenges, and developing the city based on the priorities expressed by its residents. There are many advantages to building and nurturing this sense of community – a feeling of belonging, management of complex problems, and the resulting sense of safety and security while pursuing a multitude of dreams. Citizens are frustrated because they cannot take part in decisions concerning their neighbourhoods and areas in their vicinity.

With a focus on transparency and citizen involvement in various aspects of neighbourhood life, in every successful modern city, citizens have a very powerful voice in the destiny and direction of development around their homes and places of work. For Bengaluru too, we must want the same.

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I request you for the following actions:

1. ABIDe under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister submitted PlanBengaluru2020, a comprehensive blueprint for the overall development of the city in January 2009. I request you to implement the same. This will set the city back on the correct path of sustainable model of development.
2. A note on ***Essential Principles for Bangalore Infrastructure Projects by Government Agencies*** is attached for your reference. In order to protect the interests of residents and to ensure a sustainable model of development in Bangalore, I would request you to direct all government agencies / departments to follow these principles henceforth.

I am confident that such a move will increase people's confidence and to support for the various development projects of your government.

I look forward to your urgent action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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