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To: The City Council of Jacksonville

Re: Support to Honor Rita Reagan by Renaming the Building
Known as Circle of Faith Ministries Church

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Historical Society and Jacksonville History Center, I am pleased to write in support of naming a building at Norman Studios to honor the late Rita F. Reagan, that organization's longtime director. The building being acquired by the COJ, formerly known as the Circle of Faith Ministries, at 6337 Arlington Road, is most appropriate as a place to recognize Ms. Reagan's service and achievements.

Mrs. Reagan spent decades in preservation advocacy for the Klutho Apartments in Springfield and for the Norman Studios Silent Film Museum in Arlington. After working in the Duval County Public Schools for three decades, Mrs. Reagan became involved with restoration of the Norman Studios, serving as pro bono executive director, and also joined the Springfield Preservation and Revitalization as its volunteer head.

Rita Reagan is a giant in the story of Jacksonville's preservation history and should be honored as such.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Bliss, Ph.D.
CEO, Jacksonville Historical Society