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Ms. Jelena McWilliams
Chairman
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
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Dear Ms. McWilliams:

SunTrust has long led the way as a corporate leader in empowering men, women and children experiencing homelessness, helping them build pathways to self-sufficiency and independence through year-round engagement in Chapman Partnership initiatives. Chapman Partnership is the largest provider of services for persons experiencing homelessness in Miami-Dade County, operating two state-of-the-art Homeless Assistance Centers that serve 5,000 individuals annually.

On a deep level, SunTrust has connected with our community through a mission- and purpose-driven culture that Chapman Partnership’s executive team and Board of Trustees feels will achieve substantially more through its merger with BB&T, combining 275 years of history and culture serving Miami-Dade County’s high-growth market. While many institutions of prominence primarily focus their efforts on financial and operating metrics, SunTrust has been dedicated to “lighting the way” to financial wellbeing for all people in the communities it serves. In 2017, SunTrust made a substantial commitment to augmenting workforce orientation and job readiness training at Chapman Partnership through the launching of Empower You, a program dedicated to moving our homeless toward self-sufficiency by helping them augment soft workplace skills – behaviors and attitudes that demonstrate reliability, motivation and an ability to be a team player – and then marketing this skillset toward openings in local labor markets. As a result of Empower You, 1,062 Chapman Partnership residents secured employment in 2018, 75% of the placements were full-time.

With the goal of further inspiring innovation, SunTrust executives have long served on Chapman Partnership’s Board of Trustees and are members of the Board’s Workforce Development Committee. As a Chapman Partnership corporate leader, SunTrust employees are regularly engaged in onsite volunteer opportunities, as well as various annual events that support our empowering programs.

We value our partnership with SunTrust and the role of this prestigious financial institution, and fully endorse the merger of equals with BB&T, combining the best of both companies to create what is expected to be the premier financial institution of the future.

Sincerely,



Symeria Hudson
President & CEO