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My name is Annie Albritton and I have lived on Lopez for 45 years. I own my home, two vacant land/investment properties and the Friendly Isle Building in the Village. I also own the Windermere/Lopez office and have been in the real estate business for 40 years. I have spent many years holding various offices with homeowner associations, the Lopez Village Owners Association and served as a member of the UGA Comp Plan Advisory Committee for several years.

I attended neighborhood meetings in 1977 and 1978 when residents were making important, long-term decisions on density. These meetings were the foundation for the Comp Plan adopted in 1978. I am aware of the reasoning surrounding the area between Odlin Park and Flat Point as I owned waterfront acreage on Military Road at the time.

Request #20-0003 – to increase density on two parcels totaling roughly 33 acres from 1 dwelling unit per fifteen acres to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres. **I AM AGAINST THIS CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

The neighborhood meetings in 1977 and 1978 took into consideration the 5 acre parcels of the Homestead Plat which were located in a wooded area east of the subject parcels. Residents and farmers in the area between Odlin Park and the Homestead Plat strongly voiced the opinion that smaller residential lots should be kept to the wooded areas and that the open fields should be maintained as farmland and “open space”. Obviously, that resulted in the existing R-15 density that was put into place with the adoption of the plan in 1978. With my extensive real estate background, I can conclusively say we are not short of residential real estate parcels and there is absolutely no demand for creating more residential parcels than are already available. The open space farmland should be preserved. I see no benefit to the general population of the island except for the particular landowners who would greatly benefit from the increased value of their land due to it's divisibility. There is simply no demand. *Please preserve our farmland and open space.*

Request #252322003 – expand the Lopez Village UGA to include TPN 252322003000. **I SUPPORT THIS CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

Having worked in the “downtown” area for over 40 years, I am very familiar with the commercial area and the lower density transition areas between commercial and residential. This property lost it's UGA status with the last revisions to the comp plan and I think that status should be restored. This property “wraps” around the current SJC Road Dept shed and our recycle center and it is my opinion that this property will offer a good density transition area between these facilities and the adjoining residential areas to the east and south. I strongly urge you to restore the UGA status to this parcel. Take a look at the map – it just makes good sense.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annie Albritton

Lopez Resident since 1977
Business Owner since 1985

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