I’m here because I’m a little confused and need some clarity about something. Last August, at a public hearing, I spoke to the Planning Commission about Zoning Text Amendment 22-170, regarding the Watershed Conservation District and my desire to see the WCD building density changed from 1 unit per 20 acres to 1 unit per 10 acres as was originally recommended back in 2017. A week later, in their report to the County Commissioners, the Planning Commission included, and I quote, “a strong recommendation … to modify the density in the Watershed Conservation District to 1 unit per 10 acres.” Then, in November, I spoke to you commissioners, during a public hearing, and urged you to accept that recommendation. Several days later, at the Spring Dell Center’s auction at the Jaycees, I was approached by Commissioner Patterson, Delegate Patterson, as well as a member of the Planning Commission. They all spoke to me separately and all basically said, “Thanks for your help, John, the change was approved.” At the Voices of Bryans Road meeting on March 7th, both Commissioner Collins and Commissioner Bowling, in response to a citizen’s comment, affirmed that the change had been made. Then, on March 14th, at his Bryans Road Town Hall, I asked Commissioner Bowling when the change would go into effect. He referred me to Planning Director, Charles Rice, who was also there at the Town Hall. I asked Mr. Rice when it would go into effect and he told me that no change to the building density had been made, that it was still 1 unit per 20 acres.

Therefore, my question is: Did you accept the planning commission recommendation to change the building density to 1 unit per 10 acres? That is the word on the street. And, when will it go into effect?

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