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This ZTA is the culmination of six months of research, discussion and drafting of the Rural Task Force that was formed by the County Commissioners in 2019 that included members of the community (agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, real estate, development, equine etc.) and staff from Planning & Growth Management. We met from May of 2019 to November of 2019. It was a collaborative effort and all recommendations submitted in November 2019 were fully researched and voted on to be submitted by the task force. Planning & Growth Management staff (PGM) then drafted a ZTA based on part of the recommendations and presented it to the Planning Commission with a public hearing in June 2020. Based on public comment, PGM and the Chairperson of the Rural Task force drafted a new version that addressed public concerns. In November of 2020, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to submit the revised ZTA as written to the Commissioners. This ZTA has originated from constituent and staff discussion and input, used public testimony to further revise and has then been fully vetted by the Planning Commission and received their support. The

ZTA provides needed clarification to existing regulations and much needed support to the agriculture community so open land can continue to support our entire community via agritourism and fresh and local food. I personally thank you for the support in this final step in the ZTA and stand by for any questions you may have. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

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