Rezoning: 1-E-24-RZ

Agenda Item No. 23

Opposition to 1-E-24-RZ

I strongly oppose the Harvey/Northshore rezoning (1-E-24-RZ) to support 5 units per acre. While residential development in the area is inevitable, the highest density in the Choto area is 3.5 units/acre, with many older subdivisions in the area at 0.5 units/acre. The proposed 5 units/acre would be inconsistent with the area, and 3.5/acre is already too many. To say that this zoning is "consistent with the sector plan and surrounding development" is simply not true.

My husband and I purchased our home in the Choto area 10.5 years ago. We have about 1.5 acres. One of the reasons we moved to the area was the natural beauty and open spaces. We have loved the farms, trees, wildlife, and the lake. It has been difficult to watch the farms in the area disappear, only to be replaced by so many homes jammed onto tiny lots. It truly is an eyesore to see nothing but roofs where there were once grazing livestock. The traffic has become a nightmare and will only get worse with this proposed high-density development. The roads and the schools are already maxed out, and further development of this type is irresponsible. Until the infrastructure issues have been addressed, this type of development cannot be allowed.

With traffic as heavy as it already is, emergency vehicles struggle to get through the area in a timely manner. This is literally a matter of life and death.

Please do not approve this rezoning.