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Please accept the attached for the record
Thank you for your time and consideration
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Board of County Commissioners

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Dear Sirs and Madam,

Friends of Clark County (FOCC) has already entered into record some questions and concerns related to the Industrial Land Bank (ILB) and the de-designation of what's known as the Lagler property and the Ackerland property as agricultural lands.

For the record:

The following is an updated suggestion about mitigation for the de-designation of the ag lands for the ILB. A new county GIS map shows the overlap and non-overlap of lands currently designated as agriculture with existing prime agricultural soils. There are prime agricultural soils that are not designated as agriculture. Therefore, there is a basis for mitigating the loss of agricultural soils needed for the ILB by protection of other very prime agricultural soils.

Furthermore, we feel there are two ways this can fail to win approval of the Growth Management Board. Instead, it may support an appeal of the de-designation of either the farmlands or of the Land Bank itself. This would result in a waste of county resources. What County resources? The General Fund is paying the County staff both for creating the Light Industrial Land Bank and the process of de-designating the agricultural land. Before either of these is approved, the General Fund is paying consultants for a Master Plan for the site.

Sincerely,

Sydney Reisbick, President