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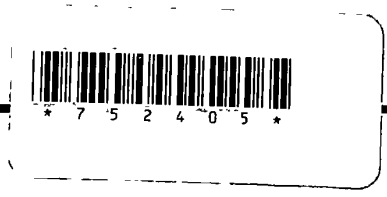

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To All Members of the Planning Commission:

There are only a few things vital to human survival. We cannot afford to leave water and food to chance. The proposed Rural Industrial Land Bank designation for the Lagler Property is a poor choice for that prime farmland. That property has been a dairy for decades. As such it has never been polluted by industrial wastes, herbicides or pesticides. Instead it has been organically fertilized by the presence of dairy cows. It is likely the best farm land in all of Clark County. It's close proximity to the urban area makes it even more desirable. A great deal of food can be raised on over 600 acres, with little loss of use for minimal, gravel roads as needed. The consultants hired to propose a plan for development of this property as a RILB indicated that about half of the property could either not be used for development or would be paved for streets and parking. The land will be lost for any future as farmland.

We take for granted that our food will always appear on a daily basis in the grocery store....often from thousands of miles away. Any emergency, especially a long emergency, could/would interfere with that supply chain. It is incumbent upon our community to plan ahead....more than a year or two....but for decades. Just as we look out to the future to plan for water supply, we must do that for food.

The County Council has irresponsibly chosen an option that will have a chilling effect on agricultural development as larger tracts are subdivided in random areas throughout the county. That will be incompatible with agriculture. The Lagler property is in close proximity to other larger tracts currently in use as ag land. Smart, far-sighted planners would know that our community needs to become more self-sustaining. It makes sense to support our vibrant farmers' markets which provide fresh, good quality food right in our back yard.

I urge you to recommend against designating these two large tracts, currently used as a dairy farm, as RILB. It would be nice to see visionary, creative leaders in this county. I hope you will set that example.

With Regards,

Dianne Kocer

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