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Subject: Formal Objection to Rezoning Request for
Multi-Unit PUD

Dear members of the City Planning Commission,

I am writing to formally ~~oppose~~ the proposed rezoning request for the property located at 1751 E. Imhoff Rd which seeks to rezone the land to allow for a multi-unit Planned Unit Development (PUD).

As a concerned resident of The Villages, I respectfully urge the commission to deny this request for the following reasons:

1. Increased Traffic and Congestion

The surrounding roadways are already experiencing significant traffic volumes, particularly during peak hours. Introducing a high-density housing development will only worsen congestion, create bottlenecks, and raise serious safety concerns for both drivers and pedestrians.

2. Overdevelopment and Encroachment on Single-Family Neighborhoods

There are already multiple multi-unit developments nearby and another currently under construction that have begun to encroach on what was historically a quiet, single family residential area. These projects change the character of the neighborhood and added density that has not been matched with improvement in infrastructure. Allowing yet another multi-unit PUD in this location would only accelerate that trend, further displacing the original intent and integrity of the community. Enough is enough - additional high density development should not be permitted in areas clearly intended for low-density residential living.

3. Harm to Local Wildlife and Natural Habitat

The acreage proposed for rezoning is currently home to a diverse range of wildlife, including owls, deer and many other native species.

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These animals depend on the wooded and undeveloped nature of this land for nesting, shelter, and food. Development of this land would lead to habitat loss, fragmentation and forced displacement of wildlife.

Specifically, the removal of mature trees and natural underbrush threatens the nesting grounds of several owl species, while increased human activity and noise will disrupt deer movement and feeding patterns. Once this habitat is destroyed, it cannot be restored - and the long-term ecological damage is irreversible. Preserving this natural space is essential not only for the animals that live there but for the environmental health and balance of our broader community.

In closing, I urge the Planning Commission to consider the long-term implications of this rezoning. Growth and development are important, but they must be pursued thoughtfully and in harmony with the surrounding environment and existing community fabric.

Please include this letter in the official record, and I respectfully request ~~to~~ to be notified of all public meetings and hearings related to this rezoning application.

Sincerely,
Paige Darrige, 