

Southwest, Planning District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee *Chair: Shirley Lowry*

January 23, 2020

To: Joshua Garrison, Chairman; Planning Commission
The Honorable Danny Becton, Chair LUZ

Re: Opposition to Ordinance Number 2019-0877 PUD Rezoning 4645 Blanding Blvd

The Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) met on January 13, 2020 and reviewed the request to change the intended use of the property from vacant commercial to PUD to accommodate a proposed e-commerce distribution, fulfillment and delivery center with associated parking and vehicle staging. The following observations were made:

1. It appears that the operation is already functional and we had no knowledge of the process or intentions of the developers. The citizens in the area were not therefore given an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns.
2. Blanding Blvd is a highly congested thoroughfare, as it is a main artery for traffic leading to all areas of the west side of Jacksonville. We observed that the time of day when many of the 18 wheelers enter and exit the area is during the peak of traffic, when citizens are going to and from work. This appears to be a dangerous combination. We also noted that the 18 wheelers and or their trailers are parked in the open parking lot in a highly residential area overnight. This is unsightly and is more suited for an industrial area.
3. We noted that larger trucks are forced to use Wesconnett Blvd., passing JEB Stuart Middle School as children are walking on the sides of the road. It becomes a dangerous situation for larger trucks to squeeze past children on a two-lane road on their way to and from school.

While the members of the Southwest CPAC understand the need for commerce on the west side of Jacksonville, we believe this rezoning sets a dangerous precedent and could lead to injury if not death to someone's child. The members of the Southwest CPAC request audience with the Planners and Developers of the project to give us an opportunity to ask our questions directly during the next Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning meeting Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

We the members of the Southwest CPAC therefore recommend **DENIAL** of the request.

Sincerely,

Shirley Lowry, Chair
Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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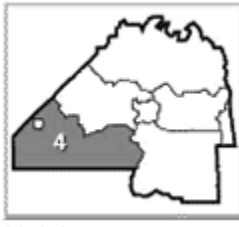
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