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Mayor Holic City Council:

I have gone on record several times stating that I am opposed to Murphy Oaks being approved next to Fox Lea Farms for compatibility reasons. It would make far more sense to only allow 1 home per five acres on that parcel for a total of 8 homes. However, I too am concerned about the COV getting sued for denying a property owner the right to develop his property when a community like Sawgrass exists right across the street from Fox Lea Farms. I just don't see the COV winning a court battle on stopping Murphy Oaks for compatibility reasons.

Fox Lea Farms was established in 1983. I don't believe they started building at Sawgrass until the late 1990's. Why is it that the COV saw nothing incompatible about putting up Sawgrass across the street from an agricultural horse farm business then, but now find serious problems with putting a smaller version of Sawgrass next door to that agricultural horse farm business now.

Please be sure to consider these factors into how you vote. The COV has lots of issues to deal with that all require funding. We don't need a lawsuit ruling against the COV that redirects already limited funding into the hands of a developer who was only doing what the property is zoned for. The zoning of the Murphy Oaks parcel should have been addressed in the new Comprehensive Plan and I am not even sure if that is possible in Florida where the rights of the property owner sit at the top of the food chain. The end result may sadly be that Murphy Oaks is built and Fox Lea Farms leaves for a more rural area and takes its sizable tax revenue to another County.

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