

## Jennifer Rivera (Administration)

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Good morning Jennifer,  
Thanks for responding to my email. Could you please make sure Commissioner Poole receives this before the January 12th meeting?  
Thanks  
Robbie Westbrooks

Dear Commissioner Poole,

First, please let me congratulate you on winning the race for Hall County District 3 Commissioner. I wish you success and hope to be able to support your decisions going forward.

I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed shopping center development on Cleveland Hwy at Jim Hood Road. This proposed development includes a grocery store, convenience store and a restaurant.

In my opinion, this development is not necessary for the residents in this area of Hall County. Planning commissioner Stan Hunt stated that this project may relieve the traffic flow into Gainesville by giving people a place to shop closer. It should be noted that there are already 4 convenience stores, 5 gas stations, 6 restaurants, one hardware store, and one IGA grocery store all within a 3 mile radius of this property. There is also a Dollar General only .2 of a mile further out. This is more than adequate for the area given the current population and rate of residential growth in the area. Additionally, further development could increase the already high traffic safety hazard at this intersection.

This area of Hall County is largely agricultural. There is even a 50 acre agricultural education center operated by the school system within a mile of this proposed development. I am certain there are underserved areas elsewhere in the county that could benefit from this type of development, I would urge you to consider these points when making your decision and casting your vote regarding this project at the Commissioners meeting on January 12th.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Westbrooks