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From: Jennifer Rivera (Administration)
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 10:59 AM
To: Katie Hill
Cc: Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning); Katie G. Ahmed (Planning); Anael Dominguez (Administration)
Subject: RE: Thumbs Up Mission Rezoning Vote

Your public comment was received and will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for their review.

Thank you.

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From: Katie Hill [REDACTED]
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Dear Ms. Rivera,

In July of 2022 I was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. As you can imagine, this diagnosis was scary enough to receive on its own; but, I also had 4 young children, all of whom would have their lives turned upside down while I entered into the 3 year long process of chemotherapy, radiation, and multiple surgeries.

During this difficult season, a nurse in the chemotherapy department of Northeast Georgia Medical reached out to Thumbs Up Mission on my behalf. I was immediately contacted by this incredible organization with an outpouring of love and support and opportunities for my children to engage in fun retreats and activities, which allowed them to have a respite from the hard day to day and gave them an opportunity to be around other families experiencing similar difficulties.

You will never fully understand, unless you find yourself in this situation, what a gift an organization like this is. Treatment is hard, but the guilt that comes with knowing your children don't fully understand the circumstances they are encountering, and they have to adjust their lives to accommodate their new reality is so heavy.

Thumbs Up Mission helped alleviate some of that for our family, and I will forever be grateful for our experience with them.

If you can do anything to make the process for them to open a permanent facility easier and possible, I urge you to do so. You will not regret assisting such incredible people with the life-changing opportunities that they provide for families affected by cancer; and, your community will be made better for having them.

Thank you,
Katie Hill, Cleveland, GA