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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 4:40 PM
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Cc: Jennifer Rivera (Administration); Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning); Anael Dominguez (Administration)
Subject: RE: Commissioner vote regarding property zoning for Thumbs Up Mission

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

Thank you.

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Please note, as of January 20, Community Development and Infrastructure departments, including Planning and Zoning have been temporarily relocated to 2829 Browns Bridge Road, the Hall County Government Center Temporary Annex.

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Honorable Members of the Board,

I've been a volunteer with Thumbs Up Mission since it began in 2014. Keaton Coker, the young man who inspired the creation of Thumbs Up, was my nephew. I had a front row seat to watch Keaton navigate an incredibly difficult path for nearly two years. Glioblastoma is a terrifying diagnosis, yet we never once saw Keaton give in to fear. He played football throughout treatment for brain cancer. He kept attending church and hanging out with his friends. He lived life to the fullest. He refused to face his days scared of what might happen. Because of that, his legacy is growing by the year. I've thought about his bravery so many times in the last fourteen years. Life gives us many opportunities to fear - we fear for our kids' safety, we fear for our own physical & financial health, we fear what others may think. From Keaton, I learned to face my fears and do the next right thing. You

have a chance on April 21st to do that very thing. Voting for change requires courage. I understand that. But when courage is combined with conviction, incredible things can happen. Thumbs Up Mission is used by God to usher in incredible moments. They have a waiting list for volunteers to work and serve families fighting cancer—who's ever heard of that!?!

We need your support on the 21st,
Keith