

Jennifer Rivera (Administration)

From: Katie G. Ahmed (Planning)
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 7:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning); Jennifer Rivera (Administration); Anael Dominguez (Administration)
Subject: FW: Thumbs Up Rezoning Vote / April 21

Good morning,

Thank you for your comment. This will be forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

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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Cc: Patti Dillard [REDACTED]
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From a personal perspective, my husband, David and I have hosted and worked at numerous **Thumbs Up** events. I cannot think of a more inspiring and life changing event than to be a part of supporting, encouraging and lifting up these families who are facing these life changing events. I could spend hours talking about the impact working with these families has had on my life personally.

So, why is approval of this request so important?

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