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Board of Commissioners Work Session Comments - July 20, 2026 - Submission #146792

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Your Comments*

Re: Support for Rezoning Application – 6249 & 0 Ben Parks Road (Tax Parcels 11065-000012, 000023) — James & Suzi Lewis, Applicants

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the rezoning application submitted by James and Suzi Lewis for the 52.95± acre combined tract located on the northwest side of Ben Parks Road. This application seeks to return the property to Agricultural Residential (AR-1) zoning in its entirety. I believe the Board should approve this request for the following reasons:

It restores the property to its original zoning. Rather than introducing a new or unprecedented land use, this application simply returns the PCD portion of the tract to the AR-1 designation it previously held, undoing a commercial zoning that was never built out or utilized.

It corrects an inconsistency rather than creating one. A unified AR-1 designation eliminates the awkward split zoning currently on the books and brings the parcel back into alignment with its historical and surrounding agricultural residential character.

It reduces development intensity rather than increasing it. Reverting the PCD designation removes the potential for commercial buildout and ensures the property is used consistent with the rural, agricultural character of Ben Parks Road.

It reflects the applicants' clear intent. The Lewises are asking only to reestablish the zoning that governed this land before the PCD designation was applied — not to seek new rights, added density, or expanded commercial use.

It benefits neighboring property owners. Restoring AR-1 across the full tract gives surrounding residents certainty that the property will remain agricultural residential in character, rather than leaving open the possibility of commercial development under the existing PCD designation.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board of Commissioners to approve this rezoning request and restore the property to its original AR-1 zoning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Gowan

Commission District 3

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