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Dear Kathie:

I have reviewed the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement submitted by Alexis, the proposed Goals, Objectives, and Policies submitted by Alexis, and Goal 24 of the Lee Plan, which is the most specific County guideline I can find for community planning efforts.

Based upon my review of all of the above, especially Goal 24, it is clear to me that the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement prepared by Alexis and the North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies prepared by Alexis are fully in compliance and in agreement with the requirements and intent of Goal 24, as written. As a result, I do not see any justification for any further modification of the documents that have been submitted by Alexis, nor do I see any justification for anything other than a favorable Staff Report, which recognizes that the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement and the North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies, as written, are consistent with the Lee Plan, especially Goal 24, and with the other legal requirements of a community planning effort.

In response to recent comments that have been made to me, I do not find any legal authorization or justification in any County Code provision for County staff to recommend that the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement or the North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies be further amended to include a prohibition against density modifications/increases. Further, the North Olga Community Planning Panel, which is the recognized representative entity of the North Olga Community, as verified by Lee County's Contract with the North Olga Community Planning Panel, has indicated that they do not want to have a provision in the North Olga Community planning documents which addresses density in either a prohibitory manner or in a beneficial manner. This has been the position of the North Olga Community Planning Panel since the beginning. The reality is that a vocal minority, regardless of whether it is of community

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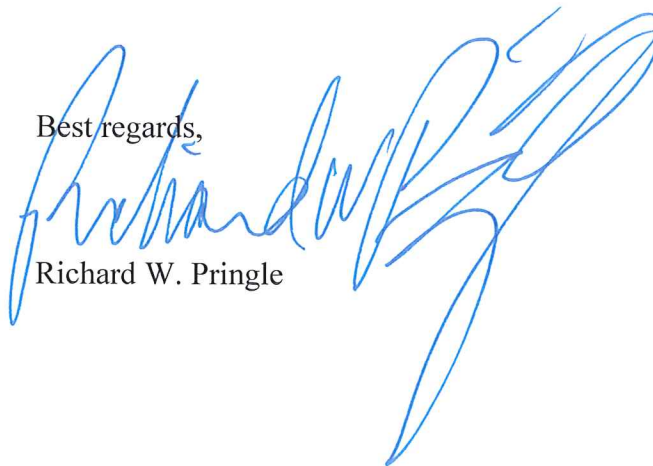
members or of members on the Board of County Commissioners, should not dictate anyone's reaction to the planning efforts of the North Olga Community Planning Panel. The additional reality is that a majority of the landowners and interested parties in the North Olga Community and a majority of the Board of County Commissioners supports the North Olga Community Planning Panel efforts.

The representatives of the North Olga Community Planning Panel have worked diligently with you and with other County staff members to rewrite North Olga's planning documents so that they now have addressed the requests of County staff, and even Alva, Inc.'s requests, to the greatest extent possible. No one can rightfully accuse any of us of not working with County staff throughout the process. The resulting Northeast Lee County Vision Statement document and the North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies reflect the desires and input of County staff. The reality is that the current version of the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement document and the North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies are legally sufficient, consistent with the Lee Plan requirements and other applicable County Code provisions, and represent good planning for the North Olga Community.

Since we have already incorporated all of the proper and reasonable requests of others concerning the language of the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement document and the North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies, with this correspondence, I respectfully request that County staff issue a favorable Staff Report which finds that the current version of the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement document and North Olga Goals, Objectives, and Policies as last submitted by Alexis on Thursday, April 21, 2011, is: 1) legally sufficient; 2) consistent with the Lee Plan and other County Code requirements; and, 3) should be transmitted to DCA in the current Lee Plan Amendment Cycle.

Best regards,

Richard W. Pringle



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