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**Subject:** The 9/6/17 Commisioner Hearing on the Apaloosa and Palamino Lane Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Would you be kind enough to forward this e-mail to each of the Commissioners. Thank you. My name is Robert Varnum, and my wife and I live just north of the properties that are proposed to be re-designated as General Interchange properties. The landholders will make a lot of money with this re-designation. They will be able to take the money and run. We have to live with the consequences. I appeared before the planning folks months ago, but because I will be out of the country between 9/5 and 9/25 I will be unable to attend the 9/6/17 hearing, so I want to leave you with a couple of thoughts and observations:

The staff report that is before you gives us a very telling statement that sums up my greatest concern. It says, "The transportation issues [related to this proposal] are pre-existing and are not caused by the proposed designation to General Interchange." This is a gratuitous statement, but one that renders a clear acknowledgement that a bad traffic situation already exists along the Daniels Corridor. The General Interchange re-designation will only make it worse even though it may not have caused the "pre-existing" condition.

- There are days now when Daniels already backs up traffic so that one has to wait for 4 or 5 light changes to get through.
- There are seasons (think baseball) when at certain hours hardly anything moves.
- There are already so many developments along Daniels between Six Mile Cypress and Treeline where people have **only one way to get out** of their respective communities to get about their daily business, and that is to get onto Daniels Parkway.
- Daniels is a critical commuting route between Lehigh Acres/Gateway and surroundings and Cape Coral/South Fort Myers every day!
- Finally, this corridor is a **major evacuation route** to get to I-75, 41, and other points North (or South). Given the most recent Houston-area catastrophe, you should do everything you can to enable your constituents to be safe.

I would urge you not to approve the Appaloosa/Palamino comprehensive plan amendments which may benefit the very few at the expense of the very many. Thank you.

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