

Item # 58

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Public Hearing

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SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

PLANNING COUNCIL



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Sent via Email: bblakeboy@broward.org

Ms. Barbara Blake-Boy
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Broward County Planning Council
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 307
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Re: Land Use Plan Amendment (PC-21-3) ("LUPA")

Dear Ms. Boy:

Regarding the LUPA, as you are aware that the Developer has proposed construction of a 501-unit market rate multifamily development ("Apartments"). In connection with the various local development approvals required for the Apartments, the Developer has worked very closely with the adjacent neighbors, and the City of Lauderhill to create something that we can all be proud of. To that end, it was made very clear to all parties involved that the City of Lauderhill wants the Apartments to be rented as market rate units. Notwithstanding any other information presented, the City of Lauderhill has a surplus of affordable housing units within our City limits. Although we recognize the need for affordable housing in Broward County, and we appreciate the efforts to highlight the deficiencies that exist, those deficiencies do not exist here. In fact, we have several programs in place which provide assistance to potential homeowners, and renters who want to live in the City, but cannot afford to.

Furthermore, we understand that there is an opportunity for the Developer to make a contribution to an affordable housing fund which will benefit the balance of Broward County, but not our residents. As a result of these terms, we would again ask that no request be made for such a contribution. We have been made aware that any further imposition of contributions will simply increase the cost of the units being constructed, which will in turn increase the cost of the rent, which will in turn continue to deprive people who want to live in new construction in the City of Lauderhill of an opportunity to do so.

Therefore, on behalf of the City of Lauderhill we are requesting that the County Commission adopt the LUPA as proposed without any further requests for affordable housing units, or affordable housing contributions.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions that you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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