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Lake County Board of County Commissioners
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RE: Hillcrest Planned Unit Development; FLU amendment PZ2023-253, rezoning PZ2023-254

Dear Lake County Commission,

The Lake County Conservation Council Board has read comments submitted to you by Friends of the Wekiva River regarding the Hillcrest PUD and Rezoning and we agree with the issues raised in the FOWR letter.

The proposed Hillcrest PUD departs greatly from the original Sorrento PUD with respect to open space, impervious surface, and karst features. By decreasing open space, increasing impervious surfaces, and implying a potential conflict with karst features, the Hillcrest PUD as proposed, does not provide additional protections to the Wekiva Study Area.

We respectfully request that you withhold your vote to adopt the proposed Hillcrest PUD and do not transmit the FLU Amendment to the Department of Commerce until such time as these matters have been resolved.

Please include our comments in the Public Record.
Respectfully,

Jane Hepting

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