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RE: Notice of Public Hearing – Urban Growth Area Expansion

Dear Planning Commission

I wish to expression my opposition to the proposed urban growth area expansion. Specifically the area of 2,810 acres North of Burns Road.

1. The expansion further North will increase the congestion on RD 68 and its arterial roads of Burden RD, Sandifur Parkway, RD's 44 and 36, and the corresponding interchanges of Rd 68 and 100 and hwy182. The interchange already gets backed up onto hwy 182 from exit 7 and 9 during evening commute hours. The already planned expansion west of RD 100 will further congest that traffic as well.
2. Expansion north will also put a strain on city services, police and fire and rescue. That can remediated by hiring, buying and building more of necessary components of personnel, equipment and trucks. Additional Schools and teachers will be needed as well. Again more spending. More bonds, more taxes to approve, more funding to secure.
3. Expansions that have already taken place have brought in increasing number of real estate speculators that are building and buying homes to rent, rather than being affordable for families to purchase. The number of quick build storage units can confirm that.

I am for progress and growth to meet the needs of prospering area. However, before expansion goes further there need to be plans set to accommodate the logistics of traffic and that the funding is available for the required service needs. We also need to build a community that helps build people and families. I appreciate the work that those who serve the city have done to make Pasco a good place to live and have a family. Please do the ground work planning to prevent problems rather than trying remediate them when they appear.

Best Regards,

Neil Withers