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GOOD EVENING, I AM HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT THE MEDELA REZONE REQUEST, AGAIN.

LAST YEAR THE COUNTY DENIED THE MEDELA REQUEST FOR REZONE SITING A NUMBER OF ISSUES. THE CITY SUBSEQUENTLY ANNEXED THE PROPERTY AS PART OF A LARGE ISLAND

DURING THAT TIME PERIOD MYSELF, OTHER MEMBERS OF CONCERNED EASTSIDE NEIGHBORS AND OUR ATTORNEY MET WITH THE SENIOR PLANNERS FROM BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY.

WE WERE TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ACTION TAKEN FOR A YEAR FROM THE TIME THE PROPERTY WAS ANNEXED. WE WERE TOLD BY BOTH PLANNERS THAT MEDELA COULD NOT EVEN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR REZONE UNTIL THE YEAR EXPIRED AS THERE IS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE THAT PROHIBITS ANY REZONE ACTIONS.

TODAY I GAVE TESTIMONY AT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND IN MY OPINION THEY SEEMED QUITE SURPRISED THAT THE CITY HAS ACCEPTED, IN JANUARY, AND HAS STARTED ACTIONS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE YEAR PASSING.

AS CITIZENS OF THE CITY, STATE AND NATION WE LIVE OUR LIVES BASED ON AGREEMENTS. AS A CITIZEN I AGREE WITH MY FELLOW CITIZENS TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS WE HAVE SET. THIS IS A FOUNDATION OF OUR SOCIETY. WHEN I RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE CITY HAD NOT ONLY ACCEPTED AN APPLICATION FOR REZONE, BUT HAS TAKEN NUMEROUS ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS, I WAS SHOCKED. WHEN I ASKED MR STAMM HOW IT IS THAT HE TOLD US AND OUR ATTORNEY SOMETHING VERY SPECIFIC AND IGNORED WHAT HE HAD TOLD US, I QUESTIONED HIM ON IT AND WAS TOLD, "I CHANGED MY MIND."

WHEN I ASKED WHAT RECOURSE WE HAD, I WAS TOLD WE COULD HAVE A HEARING WHEN THAT PHASE OF THE REZONE STARTED.

I HAVE A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING HOW THE CITY CAN VIOLATE THE AGREEMENT THEY HAVE AND HAVE HAD FOR YEARS WITH THE COUNTY. I URGE YOU TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECT PLANNING TO NOT ONLY CEASE THEIR ACTIONS RELATED TO THIS REZONE APPLICATION, I IMPLORE YOU TO DIRECT THEM TO DENY THE APPLICATION AS IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

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