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Split Oak Proposed Resolution

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FYI, I submitted comments by email to Chair Auffant and Katie Smith, staff. I kept it a little general since I am not sure how the discussion will go.

"Please note and read for the record the following statement of my opinion:

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As a Land Surveying consultant, my firm wrote legal descriptions for several of the original Conservation Easements placed over Split Oak Forest in Orange County in the 1990's.

The restrictive covenants to which Orange County agreed when public funds were utilized to purchase this property clearly state, "The Project Site shall be managed only for the conservation, protection and enhancement of natural and historical resources and for passive, natural resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Project Site, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose." See Grant Award Agreement for restrictive covenants (ORB 4721, Page 2133, Public Records of Orange County, Florida).

Therefore, I am in favor of honoring the original protections placed on Split Oak Forest and I support the additional protections proposed for Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area as submitted to the CRC Split Oak Forest Subcommittee.

I am also in favor of initiatives that will require Orange County Board of County Commissioners to defer taking any further action regarding modifications of restrictive covenants over Split Oak Forest until after the citizens of Orange County have had an opportunity to vote on the matter of bolstering the protections on Split Oak Forest.

Split Oak Forest WEA is land owned by the public, specifically the people of Orange and Osceola Counties. Now that this land is being sought by outside demands for incompatible uses, the people of Orange County deserve the right to vote to more fully protect this public land. The intended uses for Split Oak Forest are as stated and agreed in the restrictive covenants that run with this land, as noted above.

Please continue to move initiatives forward that protect Split Oak Forest as intended for the benefit of the citizens of Orange County and the Central Florida region."

Thank you-
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