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Austin Hammock

24968 Richbarn Rd

Brooksville, FL, 34601

813-506-4437

Hernando County Zoning Department

Hernando County, FL

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the special exception request submitted by Merritt Monuments for the rezoning of their property located near my residence. The proposed exception would have a direct, negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood and the quality of life of every household in the area.

The large commercial size machines currently being operated on this property already create significant noise disturbances. The continuous droning sound—similar to loud, bass-heavy music—can be clearly heard inside my home. This level of noise is certainly above what has been

I also urge the County to consider the environmental impacts. Hernando County regulates homeowners' lawn-watering schedules during drought conditions due to limited water resources. Yet the business operating on this residential property uses significant amounts of water, far exceeding what a single household would consume. Granting a special exception to expand commercial operations under these conditions is inconsistent with the conservation standards expected of local residents.

There is no demonstrated benefit to the County or the neighborhood in approving this special exception. On the contrary, it would harm property values, increase noise and environmental pollution, and negatively affect every surrounding home. This request serves only the interests of the applicant (Merritt Monuments) at the expense of the community.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the County deny the special exception request and preserve the residential integrity of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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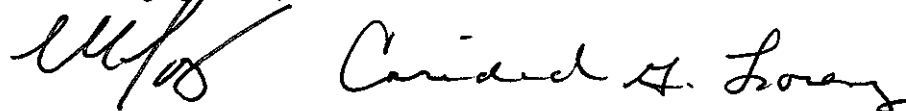
We are Michael and Caridad G. Lorenz we live at 9338 Weatherly Rd. Brooksville , Fl. 34601. When we were buying this property, we asked the realtor if it was agricultural/residential, the answer was yes! At the time the Merritt compound had no evidence of monuments and this was Sept. 2019.

One of the reasons we invested, specially in this property was the beauty of the area where you can hear birds singing, cows mooing, horses galloping and roosters crowing.

We have invested a large amount of money in this property for a return on our investment which is family, children and grandchildren and their future. We never would have invested in this location if we had known it would turn into a commercial area in the future.

We want to maintain the integrity of this area as agricultural/residential for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caridad G. Lorenz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the "Sincerely yours," text.

Michael and Caridad G Lorenz

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**We Stand Together to Protect Our Rural Community.**

Print Name:

Faith Mobsby

Address:

9348 Happy Trl, Brooksville, FL

Signature:

[Signature]

Date:

12/7/2025

Contact for More Information: Ed Mobsby ☎ 352-345-3205 edmobsby@gmail.com

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Print Name: Michael and CARIDAD G. LORENZ

Address: 9338 Weatherly Rd Brooksville FL 34601

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] CARIDAD H. LORENZ

Date: 12/2/25

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Print Name: Barbara Hill

Address: 9308 Happy Trail, Brooksville, FL 34601

Signature: Barbara Hill

Date: 12/3/2025

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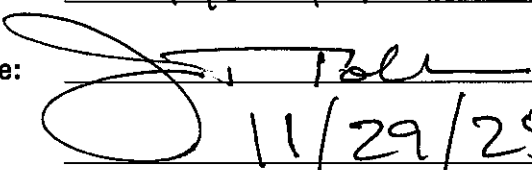
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### **We Stand Together to Protect Our Rural Community.**

Print Name: Julia & Martin Tolliver

Address: 9440 Preston Road

Signature: 

Date: 11/29/25

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### **We Stand Together to Protect Our Rural Community.**

Print Name: Thomas LaFountain

Address: 9380 Preston Rd

Signature: TL

Date: 25 Nov 2025

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Print Name: William Hill

Address: 9308 Happy Trail Brooksville FL 34601

Signature: William Hill

Date: 12/3/2025

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**Print Name:** Sheila Lafountain

**Address:** 9380 - Boston Rd

**Signature:** S. Lafountain

**Date:** 11-29-25

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Print Name: Christine Whittum

Address: 9349 Happy Trail Brooksville, FL 34601

Signature: Christine Whittum

Date: 12-3-2025

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### **We Stand Together to Protect Our Rural Community.**

Print Name: CHRIS M. HENDRICKS

Address: 9388 WEATHERLY RD.

Signature: C. M. Hendricks

Date: 12-3-25

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### **We Stand Together to Protect Our Rural Community.**

Print Name: EDWARD MOBSBY, JR

Address: 9348 HAPPY TRAIL - BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601

Signature: Edward Mobsby

Date: 11-30-2025

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Address: 24968 Richbarn Rd

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Print Name: Emilee Lantagne

Address: 24908 Richbarn RD, Brooksville, FL 34601

Signature: Emilee Lantagne

Date: 11/24/2025

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Print Name: Doug R. Thatcher

Address: 9392 Weatherly Rd - Brooksville, FL 34601

Signature: Doug R. Thatcher

Date: 12-5-2025

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Print Name: Joyce Thatcher

Address: 9392 Weatherly Rd Brooksville #1 34601

Signature: Joyce Thatcher

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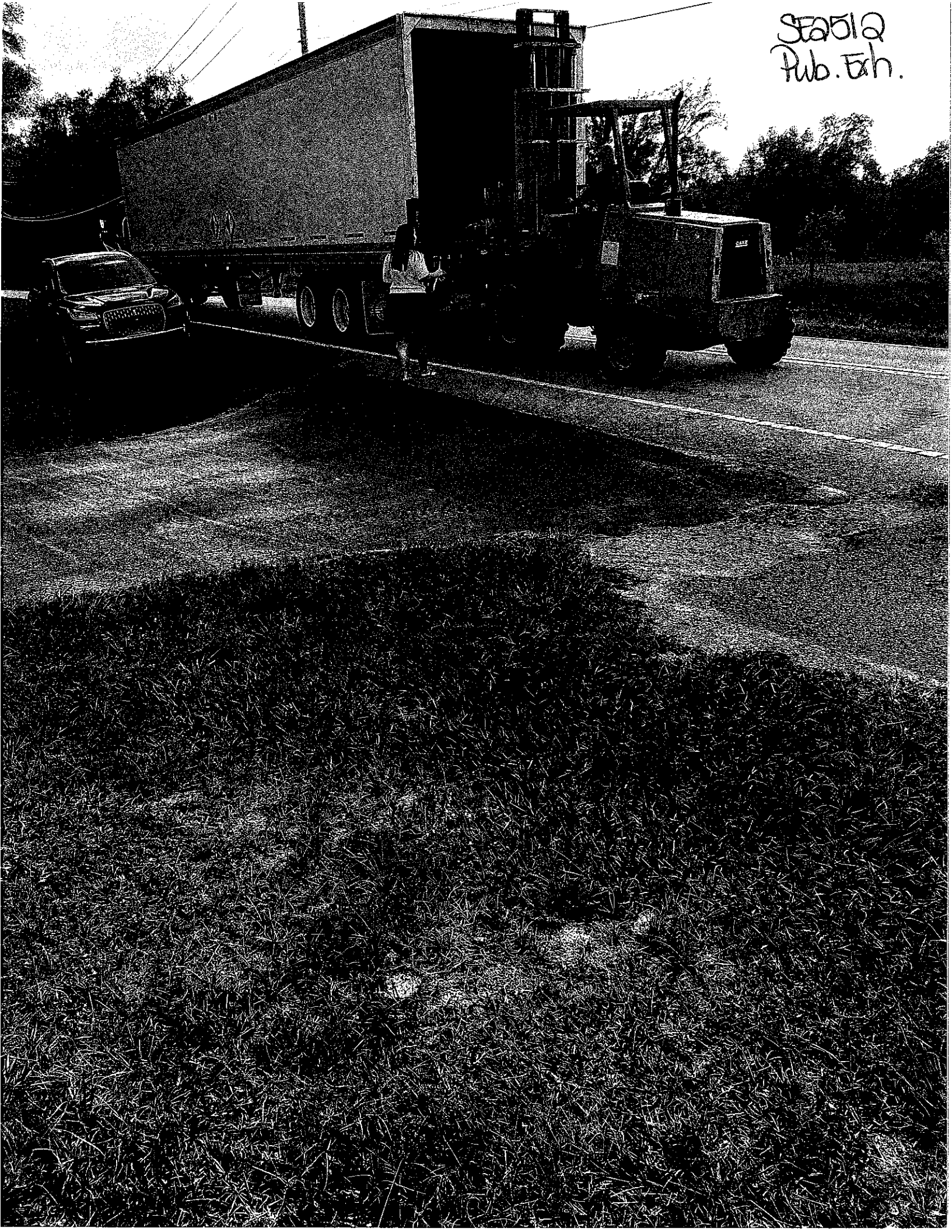
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Print Name: Connie Hendricks  
Address: 9388 Weatherly Rd  
Signature: Connie Hendricks  
Date: 12-8-25

Contact for More Information: Ed Mobsby ☎ 352-345-3205 edmobsby@gmail.com

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**James & Marie Langer**  
18260 Sage Brush Lane  
Weeki Wachee, FL 34614  
JamesJLanger@yahoo.com  
(727) 667-9269

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**Formal Objection to Proposed Rezoning from Residential to Planned Development / Multifamily**

**Michelle Miller, Senior Planner**

Hernando County Planning and Zoning Commission  
1653 Blaise Drive  
Brooksville, FL 34601

From: Concerned Residents of the Commercial Way Corridor

**Subject: Objection to Rezoning and Associated Master Plan Proposal — East Side of Commercial Way  
(near Wildlife Management Area)**

Date: November 3, 2025

Dear Commissioners,

We respectfully submit this letter to formally oppose the proposed rezoning of parcels located on the east side of Commercial Way from Residential to Planned Development / Multifamily, and the establishment of an Associated Master Plan with deviations. It is important to note that the public notice lists these parcels as being located on the west side of Commercial Way; however, the subject parcels are in fact located on the east side. This discrepancy raises concerns about the accuracy of the public notification process and the opportunity for affected residents to respond appropriately.

**1. Inconsistency with the Comprehensive Plan:**

The proposed density and intensity of development do not align with the Future Land Use Map or county objectives that protect rural lands and environmentally sensitive areas. The project lies outside of the Urban Service Area and would represent an incompatible urban encroachment into a conservation buffer zone.

**2. Adverse Environmental Impacts:**

The site directly abuts a protected gopher tortoise sanctuary, a species protected under Florida law, and is within the wildlife management area that supports the Florida black bear. Increased density, lighting, traffic, and waste will fragment critical habitat and increase the likelihood of human-wildlife conflicts. The proposed development poses a direct threat to established wildlife corridors that cannot be replaced once disturbed.

**3. Infrastructure Limitations:**

The existing roadway and utility infrastructure are not designed to support multifamily intensity. Increased traffic volumes on Commercial Way would further strain local roads and public services, resulting in unsafe conditions and unbudgeted costs to taxpayers.

