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TO: City of Gainesville Plan Board

RE: Petition PZ-09-53 PSZ - Amendment to Public Services Zoning

4009 Northwest 53rd Avenue

Possum Creek Park

We, the undersigned resident homeowners of Northwood West oppose amending the public services zoning at Possum Creek Park (Petition PZ-09-53 PSZ).

We object to further development of this park because it will with certainty increase traffic, increase noise and increase crime; all of which is detrimental to our safety and to our home values in our neighborhood.

And/or, we do not want to even begin considering the rezoning amendment until problems created by previous rezoning and redevelopment of land for Remax Professionals, Millhopper Office Park and Hunter's Walk are satisfactorily resolved. (These properties are located at 4907 through 5171 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville, Florida.)

The overdevelopment in this area has negatively impacted the Northwood West neighborhood with increase traffic, increase noise, and increase crime. In addition, it has brought visually unattractive landscaping and financial hardships for homeowners in this area.

We are therefore, asking that the City of Gainesville take immediate steps to rectify problem conditions for all the homes that have a common border with recent commercial and office developments of Remax Professionals, Millhopper Office Park and Hunter's Walk.

We are requesting that the City of Gainesville:

- A) Remedy the flood hazard zones created by retention ponds
- B) Correct the elevation level of the buildings, parking lots, and retention ponds that were constructed on a significant higher slope than the pre-existing homes along the common border with Northwood West #1
- C) Provide adequate "set back" of commercial and office buildings and parking lots to insure a safety and privacy zone with buffers, such as taller trees, thicker shrubs, and an attractive permanent/uniform brick wall where the border of Northwood West #1 adjoins the commercial and office properties of Remax Professionals, Millhopper Office Park and Hunters's Walk.

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