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Good evening Commisioners

My name is Sharon Dame. I live at 3321 N.W. 26 Terrace in Gainesville. Our home is located in the Hidden Pines neighborhood, and our rear property line is shared by the proposed Walnut Creek Development. I also serve as President of the Glen Springs Preservation Association, Inc., a community organization representing residents who live off Glen Springs Road.

I am coming to you tonight to present you with a formal letter from Mr. William Reck, a professional engineer, who lives off of Glen Springs Road. In his letter, Mr. Reck shares his deep concerns about the Surface Water Management Plan for the Walnut Creek Development that has been submitted for review to the St. Johns Water Management District. The water management district covers a large area, and its regulations are different from and less stringent than those that are required by the City of Gainesville.

As members of the Glen Springs Preservation Association, Inc., we are worried that our property will be harmed and the creek eroded by the inaccuracies and inadequacies of the current proposed water management system for Walnut Creek.

We are asking you to please review the information shared by Mr. William Reck in his document. Although the developer of Walnut Creek has had his professional engineer seal the proposed documents, in a recent administrative hearing on the matter, the developer's engineer admitted to having made errors. Mr. Reck, *our* professional engineer, who has reviewed the plans submitted, has sealed his concerns with his professional stamp and challenges the accuracy of the final plans, as well as the ability of the proposed Walnut Creek stormwater management system to meet the City of Gainesville Regulations.

Tonight, I am providing for each commissioner a copy of my letter of concern as well as Mr. Reck's evaluation, which he provided for the Glen Springs Preservation Association, Inc. The original copies of both of these documents were hand delivered today to the office of Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville, Public Works Director.

Please give this matter your utmost consideration. Once the building has been started, the damage is done. If changes are not made at this stage, we will all have a most difficult road to make things right. By appointing third party professional evaluators, as suggested by Mr. Reck, this matter could be successfully settled, and everyone would be winners. If the current stormwater system is allowed to go forward, as proposed, the residents of Walnut Creek and their neighbors off Glen Springs road will be the losers, and the developer will be free of responsibility, since the project was approved by the City of Gainesville.

Again, in closing, I ask you to please read Mr. Reck's document, and take the necessary action so that our community is protected from this improperly planned stormwater system for the proposed Walnut Creek Development.