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My name is Marilyn Walker. I am here representing the Citizens to Reform Industrial Zoning.

During the Moratorium on I-2 Industrial developments you have the opportunity and, we feel the obligation, to review the current allowed heavy industrial (I-2) zoning uses and determine appropriate minimum distances between I-2 districts and residential neighborhoods, schools and other child care facilities, parks and public water supplies.

The standards of proximity to residential neighborhoods in the current code are too vague, while standards of proximity to schools, parks, and public water supplies are non-existent. We believe that specific minimum distances should be defined in the code in order to minimize the impact of I-2 zoning districts.

Within only a mile or so of currently I-2 zoned property near 441, and 34th St are thousands of homes, 2 schools, a YMCA, and recreation parks. The residents of Turkey Creek Forest, Northwood Oaks, Northwood Pines, Pine Creek and many others are extremely concerned about the "anything goes" I-2 zoning. The range of uses currently allowed could be destructive to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of these communities, indeed, to all the citizens of Gainesville.

Please grant the moratorium and set acceptable proximity standards of I-2 districts to residential

neighborhoods, schools, parks, and public water
supplies for the protection of your citizens.

Thank you.
