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To all ,

I feel it necessary to address this with a group of you however, I have only addressed this to some as I couldn't find all the return addresses so please feel free to resend this to anyone not addressed on here that you feel has "a dog in this fight" and or a true concern for the Floras Lake structure.

I have and will continue to be fair in my mind to every decision I put forward and vote on during my tenure as Commissioner. I want you all to know, I won't be "led" by another Commissioner nor will I be bullied by the comments continuously on social media. My decisions will be well studied, researched and best for all not a few. Not rushed and certainly not for the benefit of any one group.

I have thought long about Lake Floras and have had many conversations with some of you as well as Parks, other Commissioners past and present, business leaders and possible investors. It seems to be something that comes up often in conversation.

I would ask this, and perhaps 2 or 3 of you could come to a community written letter rather than 20 separate responses to help to expedite this. Why would you agree to let someone come in and "cherry pick" a small area of the prime frontage of the lake rather than look for a bigger result? On paper it may look like the land swap is a good decision but as a person with some experience in future value of real estate one would seem to shoot themselves in the foot to sell off the prime piece of a property for another property that may have some developmental value for Real Estate but logging it to the mill would have virtually no value.

Many of you know, if the County was to look to condemn property or trade a portion for an ingress/egress easement to gain an access point off Highway 101 it would greatly enhance the value. Now you open the property up to more options. So is selling it off this way a better option for all the constituents of the area(not county) or the few that live around the lake? The value in this, I believe, is to sell the entire lake property to best value it and provide future revenue for the County. Now, I am NOT saying to a developer.....more to someone willing to conserve the entire property in perpetuity like a conservation easement company or a large publically or privately held company looking to do good in an area like ours.

These are just a few things that I have considered and looked deeper into it over the past few weeks. Please, be respectful in your responses so we can hopefully continue with a positive conversation and come to a full agreement on this. Also, please know this, there are no preconceived plans. Again just looking for your help to find the right answers and a good decision to preserve this beautiful lake. It currently sits with no threat so taking a little time to find the best result is the most prudent approach.

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