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I have read the complete application for this Variance.  
I attest to all details in application. This is to RETAIN classification, not CHANGE it from a different classification...  
I knew the former owners for 53 years and married their daughter in 1974.  
Indeed, the original lot was a 202' square acre, carved off the SW corner of his parents 10 acre citrus grove.  
We initially received the N 200 ft. of 10 acre parcel when J C bought his brother and sister's parcels after his last parent passed.  
The Citrus grove became casualty of greening and canker.  
Mrs. Ricard passed first, and their Trustee son assumed watchcare for his father, J C.

Remaining parcels 326 and 327 needed to be sold to fund his care.  
Vacant Parcels were divided in the minimum 2.5 acres, and Flag lot flag is 2.5 acres + flag pole.  
JC's trustee son lived in Astor, and overcame esophageal cancer in J C's last days.  
His son passed within a year from a secondary fatal issue.  
The original "Homestead" lot size was made bigger, to minimize effect of re-dividing vacant parcels.  
I purchased the parcel adjoining my homestead and Blackman's, and it remains AU.  
"in the course of human events" I have no intention to sell or build on "327 that's 28' shorter from original 200' - unless it is family.  
The Historic character of this area will not be diminished by leaving Blackman's 1.68 acres AU.  
I can't imagine anything deleterious occurring compared to the "HipCamp" across the street from us...  
C Joseph Milliken  
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P.S. My vacant "327" is riddled with gopher tortoise burrows, and they are no Respecters of Zoning classifications