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Commissioner Rita Pritchett  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, District 1  
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RE: Rezoning Application 23Z00001  
8850 S. Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 (District 3)

Dear Commissioner Pritchett:

I am the owner of the property at 8850 S. Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 located about two miles north of Sebastian Inlet. On March 13, 2023, the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval of my rezoning request 23Z00001 to rezone a portion of my property from SEU and EA to AU so that I can modernize the existing clam hatchery on my property. This rezoning is scheduled for the April 6<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.


With the modernization of the hatchery, I will be able to supply clam seed to use in the Indian River Lagoon clam restoration efforts. The clam seed we will produce for restoration efforts will be dispersed over the entire lagoon system and will be beneficial to all five of the Commission Districts as they all border sections of the Indian River Lagoon.

As you are probably aware, the Indian River Lagoon is in failing health as a result of pollution carried by runoff. You may not be aware that a concerted effort is underway to reintroduce clams into the lagoon to filter out some of this pollution. As the owner of the only clam hatchery/nursery in Brevard County, I have been approached to participate in this effort.

As my facility is currently at production capacity as an established non-conforming use, I need to streamline and consolidate my operations. To accomplish this, I must rezone a portion of the property to AU which allows the Aquaculture Case II use. As most of my neighbors don't even know we have been producing clams on my property for over 20 years, there is currently no impact on the community and there will be none in the future.

The reason I am writing this personal note is to provide some background information on the request and the huge beneficial impact it could have on Brevard County as a whole. My hope is that this letter will prompt you to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,



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