

Name	Comment
Gainesville is for People - Z25-000003: SE Hawthorne Rd. Comprehensive Plan Amendment	See attached
Timothy Mark Dalrymple - Z25-000003: SE Hawthorne Rd. Comprehensive Plan Amendment	<p>Dear Plan Board Members,</p> <p>I'm writing to strongly support the rezoning and land use changes for the proposed housing development on SE Hawthorne Road. This project brings 149 much-needed workforce homes to East Gainesville, where housing options are scarce and investment is long overdue.</p> <p>I'm especially encouraged that 33% of the land will be placed in conservation and that the site is located in the Urban Cluster—exactly where development should happen.</p> <p>Please vote to approve this project and support a more affordable, equitable Gainesville.</p> <p>Thank you, Timothy Dalrymple</p>
Jason Bellamy-Fults – Z25-000003: SE Hawthorne Rd. Comprehensive Plan Amendment	<p>Plan Board,I hope that you will approve the rezoning &amp; land use changes for the proposed housing development on SE Hawthorne Road.Our community is in desperate need of additional workforce housing and this seems like a good project: located in an area that needs it, preserves 1/3rd of the overall plot for conservation, and still within reach of urban services.Please vote to approve this project.Thanks for your consideration,Jason Bellamy-Fults</p>

**Date:** April 13, 2025

**Subject:** Strong Support for Land Use and Zoning Changes for SE Hawthorne Road Parcels 16184-0-0, 16185-0-0, 16194-1-0, and 16194-2-0

**Dear Members of the Alachua County Plan Board,**

Gainesville is for People strongly supports the proposed land use and zoning changes for parcels 16184-0-0, 16185-0-0, 16194-1-0, and 16194-2-0. After careful review, we believe this development represents a critical opportunity to bring equitable growth, housing choice, and economic investment to East Gainesville—an area that has been underserved for far too long.

The proposal would bring 149 workforce-oriented homes to a part of our city that has not seen a privately funded residential development of this size in over 40 years. East Gainesville has long faced systemic disinvestment. Denying this development would only further entrench these disparities.

Our community is facing a significant housing shortage. A recent study by the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at UF found that Alachua County needs thousands of additional housing units by 2030 to meet population growth and demand. Without bold action, this crisis will continue to displace vulnerable residents and deepen inequality.

Importantly, this development is located within the Urban Cluster, exactly where the County's Comprehensive Plan encourages growth to occur. Building homes in the Urban Cluster helps reduce sprawl, protect rural lands, and support more sustainable infrastructure and transportation systems. Approximately 33% of the land will be permanently placed in conservation, preserving critical natural areas and maintaining the ecological character of the area. This is exactly the kind of balanced development our community needs—one that meets pressing housing demands while protecting our shared environment

Gainesville is for People is a volunteer-led group committed to solving the housing crisis. We advocate for homes close to jobs, schools, and transit to reduce long commutes, support environmental sustainability, and foster diverse, inclusive communities. This proposal advances all those goals.

The staff report supporting this rezoning is comprehensive and thoughtful. It aligns with the County's long-term vision for smart, inclusive development while preserving the area's unique character. We commend the planning staff for their diligence.

We respectfully urge the Alachua County Plan Board to approve these land use and zoning changes. Doing so will be a meaningful step toward reversing decades of underinvestment and providing real opportunities for East Gainesville families to thrive.

Thank you for your leadership and service to our community.

Sincerely,

**Gainesville is for People**

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