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FYI- Ms. Dowds called our office in opposition to item #29 on the agenda for tomorrow. The Community Association will be present at the meeting to voice their concerns outlined below.

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Mr Walsh
This is a copy of presentation to the commissioners for February 23. We will also be bringing pictures etc. to show.
Many thanks
Barb Dowds
Director - 727 786 0778

Doral R. O. Association, Inc.
- A 55 Plus Community -
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February 22, 2016

Pinellas County Commissioners

Re: Zoning Change – 29582 US Hwy 19 North - (Case No. Q Z-33-12-15)

As the newly elected Board of Directors of Doral Village we apologize for being so late in bringing our concerns forward. We were not aware of the situation until very recently.

As an abutting community to this project we have many concerns regarding the proposed zoning change.

We are a Resident Owned Community of seniors aged 55 and over. Our property consists of 527 lots, about 65% of which own a share in the Corporation and 35% rent the land on which their manufactured home sits.

Our concerns include water flow, noise abatement, noxious fumes and traffic.

The extensive paved area of the proposed Driver Test Road extends to within 15 feet of our north property line. This would bring many cars a day very close to our homes, some of which are within 25 feet of the fence. The estimate given at the February 17 information meeting was that approximately 56 cars a day would be driving around the test course while the drivers were being tested. This would include many turns and manoeuvres necessary to test their skills in a vehicle. The noise and fumes so close to our property would greatly affect the peace and enjoyment of the adjacent homes, some of which have rear sun rooms that overlook the area. A simple fence as proposed would not cure the issues. A solution must be found before construction begins. We would also like to see a gate to the area so the testing area is not used in off hours.

Included in the information given at the February 17 meeting was the data that approximately 1200 to 1500 vehicles would attend the Hazardous Waste day one Saturday a month. As Highway 19 will soon be under construction in this area, and eventually we will be on a frontage road, we would ask for a study to ensure that a backup of vehicles to the drop off station would not extend to the frontage road and hereby block the traffic to our entrance, including emergency vehicles.

Of enormous concern to us is the affect that the proposed development would have on our already serious problem with ground water. The north end of the park

has major ground water issues. The amount of paved area in your project is a concern. We would ask that an in-depth water study be done before construction begins. The study needs to include emergency over flow from the two ponds, seepage allowances, increase in ground water due to the great increase in asphalt and continuous maintenance of the ponds.

The area of Curlew Creek shown on your plan, under the entrance road, flows south into our park. It is presently very narrow and could not hold any increase in water. It flows into our main channel of Curlew Creek. We have just finished a three year project by the county to upgrade this area.

We would appreciate your consideration of our concerns and recommend an on-sight inspection from our property

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