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Subject: Whitebelt for Development ITEM F.2 Meeting Date November 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

I strongly oppose the development on Class 1 & 2 which will wipe out our farmland. I strongly oppose the wiping out of agricultural land to add more people/jobs on top of the residents we have today. The world and our society are at a cross -road with climate change and high cost of food. All key stakeholders including but not limited to developers, residential community and all government levels need to take a pause to reflect on the right path forward. I understand the need for developers to generate profit and the need for government to generate revenue via tax dollars but at some point, this cycle needs to stop and the need for our planet, future of our children and the needs of our poor should take priority.

These farmlands provide us with food, a necessity of life, and by destroying these farms to build more homes/jobs does not make sense. The cost of food is already beyond the affordability of many in society, this will only make the situation worse for those living on the edge.

Thus, I strongly oppose this development for the above reasons and I am open to listening to the other side's facts regarding this development.

Alternatively, we should look at investing in the farming community to lower food costs and make food affordable to everyone in society.

Regards,

Emidio DiMeo