

March 17, 2026

Re: Opposition to Proposed Development of Lake Laurie Road

Case no: VA-2026-02

Applicant: RST Construction

Rezone Request: From R15 to R-M

Dear Lowndes County Planning Commission,

We strongly object to the proposed development of multi-family homes at the corner of Cherry Creek and Lake Laurie Roads.

As residents of this area, we respectfully urge the Commission to carefully consider the impact of allowing a zoning change to our neighborhood. Precedent has repeatedly shown that once townhouses and apartments are introduced into single-family neighborhoods in Valdosta, homes shift from owner-occupied to rental, and property values decrease. When this occurs – as you know - property taxes decline. If you want to discuss specific examples, please call, and we would be very happy to share examples of friends who have lost significant property value in their homes, which was their most significant investment.

While we understand the importance of affordable housing and growth, Valdosta-Lowndes County has substantial areas where this zoning is already approved.

Respectfully,

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