

Dear Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner,

I urge you to vote NO on approving zMOD until there is more consideration of the problematic portions of the current document.

The major policy changes for both ALUs and HBBs have direct infrastructure impacts - such as on schools, traffic, water quality, storm water management, etc. - that have not been adequately considered by staff and the consultants who advised the county on zMOD.

I fail to see the urgency of pushing through a document of this magnitude when there are still significant sections to vet and tighten.

Pushing through a change of this breadth without meaningful citizen understanding and input lacks transparency. The "100 public outreach" efforts notwithstanding, it is apparent that there is a significant portion of the county that still hasn't heard of zMOD. It could be that citizens have not been able to make zMOD a priority during the pandemic, the way that staff clearly has been able to. It could be that citizens are finding sections in zMOD that are clearly more than a cleaning-up job, and wondering what else they might have missed in this multi-hundred page document?

Premature approval, I think, will have lasting, negative, repercussions not least of which will be the lack of citizen trust of, and faith in, our local governance. Now more than ever, we don't need that. Please hit the pause button on zMOD.

Sincerely,
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