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RE: Mr. Brian Barnes & Mrs. Susan Barnes

1003 SE Kitching Cove Lane
Port St Lucie, FL 34952

REF: P24-013
Letter of 02/22/24 By Mr. Francis Foreman
Variance For Mr. and Mrs. Bryan & Susan Barnes

SUB: Response in **FAVOR OF** Mr. Brian Barnes / Mrs. Susan Barnes

REQUEST: Please add to your file as part of the Variance Considerations

I own and occupy a property two houses from Mr. and Mrs. Barnes as their adjacent neighbors. I have never met either; Mr. nor Mrs. Barnes. Mr. nor Mrs. Barnes have not asked anything of me, I present myself for these considerations standing for Mr. and Mrs. Barnes (herein referred to as: Barnes) coming forward of my own free will under no duress or endorsement. I am respondent to PSL Letter of February 22, 2024.

When I purchased my property, the private community had sixteen (16) total lots all with expensive homes built upon them, with one single eyesore empty lot: 1003 SE Kitching Cove Lane - the property Barnes purchased. The lot was infested with rats, snakes, raccoons, squirrels, rodents, and trash. The brush was unsightly overgrown and the overall condition eroded the values of the general community. I walked the property when it went up for sale thinking of buying it just to clean it up, but then THANKFULLY Barnes came along and purchased it.

Barnes is advancing the property to an extremely high level, cleaned up the debris and been eliminating the disastrous effect the abandoned property had on the community it is located within, before Barnes purchased it.

Along the path of recovering the dilapidated property, Barnes has always acted with a sense of community I am grateful for. He sends out advance emails as to actions he intends, makes himself available for direct neighbor input, and had demonstrated to me personally an honest posture to work with others as he better our private community and the City of PSL at large. I endorse an uninterrupted continuance to Barnes investment in cooperation with the City of PSL, making significant improvements to the community.

As to the property itself, PLEASE NOTE: Any party living on Kitching Cove Lane could have purchased the property themselves with an abundant opportunity to do so, as the lot was up for sale for some time. I submit to the City of PSL, if any neighbor TRULY sought to manipulate, control, influence, regulate, exercise authority over the property ... THEY COULD HAVE BOUGHT IT - and in fact SHOULD HAVE ... if they so were motivated. Not wait for Barnes to come along, and at a tremendous cost, clean up that mess - then subsequent attempt to thwart their wonderful progress.

These comments are made as *I have personally witnessed* the direct neighbors at 1004 Kitching Cove Lane (herein referred as 1004) illegally attempt to deter and disrupt Barnes amazing work. I personally observed for example, 1004 enter the Barnes property *without his permission* (adverse to any other legal standards) and try to stop clean up work taking place *threatening the workers on the lot*. This was before any construction ground breaking had taken place, so the motivations of 1004 had nothing to do with property variances, but seemed far more based in some sort of instability, emotionally corrupted lack of respectful discipline, and down right irrational hostility as the lot being no longer able for them to use, as they were doing previous to its purchase.

Over months 1004 has continued with these arbitrary actions. I personally observed (witnessed by other as well) of 1004 yelling at workers on Barnes property, engaging them violently, screaming incoherent outbursts, and other abstract conduct that not only threatened the workers on Barnes lot, but create a health and safety elevated risk.

I have suggested Barnes seek a restraining order (order of protection) for 1004, for the safety of the folks working on his lot and to return some resemblance of sanity from the threatening hostile actions of 1004.