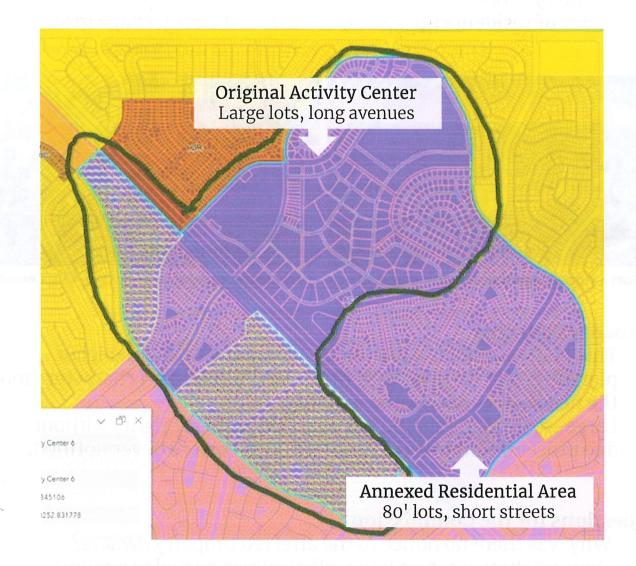
# North Port Rezoning Concerns A Call for Transparency and Practical Planning



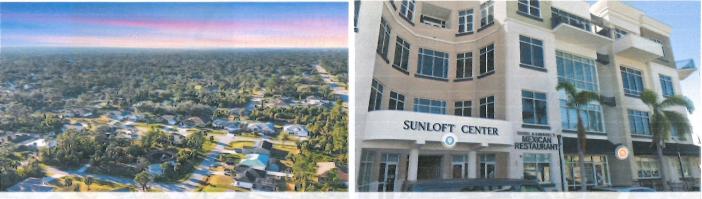
- Rezoned lots average 80 feet wide—standard for single-family homes, not commercial use.
- Streets are not designed for high-traffic commercial needs.

The City appears to be expanding Activity Center 6 by annexing fully platted residential lots, on streets lined with ready-to-build parcels, into a contrived commercial zone.

#### **Key Community Data**

- 81% of North Port residents own their homes
- Only 19% rent
- 27% of residents are age 65 or older the largest age group

(Source: Niche.com)



North Port Suburban Neighborhoods

Historic Punta Gorda Mixed Use City Center

#### **Broader Concerns**

- This plan resembles a top-down "company town" model of planning, out-of-sync with North Port's suburban character, and the needs of its residential majority.
- Large-scale plans should not override property rights without due process. Hundreds of property owners were never notified.

# **Questions for the Commission**

- 1. Why was there no notice to the affected property owners?
- 2. How are these 80-foot lots realistically expected to support commercial development?
- 3. Will the City buy back or compensate owners whose lots have been rendered unusable for their intended purpose?

### We ask the City Commission to

- Reconsider this rezoning
- Provide full public transparency
- Involve affected property owners in future planning decisions

# We're not asking for favors—we're asking for fairness.

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