

Years ago the same thing tried to happen on Thompson Road when a number of acres were tried to be rezoned to half acre lots. The county commissioners voted for the 2.5 acre lots which is in line with the rural nature of the Bethany Community. Since then every home that has been built on Thompson and down 41 meets those criteria. New lots recently went for sale on the same block as this rezoning request and all are over 2.5 acres and are selling very well because of the size. We are not against development as long as it is in line with the rural nature of our community and built on a minimum of 2.5 acre lots. People have invested a lot of their life savings in a home here because they love the space and rural character. We did it because we thought we were protected by the GREATER LOWNDES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN which is presently still in effect. Much of the justification of this was based on Bethany Hills which would not have met the GLCP had it not been built before 2016. Why spend all the money for the GLCP if the zoning commission doesn't follow it especially if the neighborhood doesn't want it. Besides this you need to stop the march of small lots down ValDel. I beg you please vote against this destruction of the rural character of the Bethany Community and what's left on the 41 and ValDel corridors. Our argument during the Thompson hearings and later

hearings on the other side of Bethany Hills was that what happened there sets the stage for the rest of the land out here so please vote at least to keep a minimum of 2.5 acre lots. Nothing has changed with that assessment since then. Please ride up here and look at what is happening on lower ValDel and then ride around our community and visualize how life will change here if the march of urbanization is not limited and our dreams are not protected by our county commissioners and the planning director. Please help us and vote against rezoning requested by La Catalina Properties on the corner of Bethany Drive and Val Del.

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