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Subject: last night's meeting

Dear Mr. Jenkins,

I was overjoyed last night when you threw up your hands and expressed dismay at the suburbanization of Lancaster County. I, too, am fearful and disgusted by the thought of every farm and parcel of land becoming another subdivision. You used Midlothian Turnpike as an example. **ABSOLUTELY! RIGHT ON!** Add to that the image of West Broad Street in Richmond and Jefferson Avenue in Newport News. Here's another thought. Who is going to live in all of these subdivisions? Will they be retirees or are we ready for Lancaster County to become a commuter suburb for Richmond, Gloucester and Williamsburg? Do we **have** or **want** infrastructure to support that kind of growth?

Jack Russell was right when he asked about demographics. It's important to look at our own demographics as well as the trends in Virginia and the rest of the country. (With retirements across the county in jeopardy, will there really be all that many retirees who will want to relocate to a subdivision in Lancaster County?) When there is only a service economy here in Lancaster WHO will live in all of those three hundred thousand dollar plus homes? The developers are taking us for a ride and destroying the rural character of Lancaster County. There are places in America where localities make hard decisions and regulate growth. It's time for Lancaster County to make some hard decisions. While it may make some land owners unhappy we need to stop this trend before the county looks exactly like Midlothian Turnpike!

And. I'd like to add that even though Jack Larson believes that a PUD-like zoning would alleviate growth problems I can't believe for a minute that a PUD would do anything but facilitate **more** growth. When did it become Mr. Larson's job to steer developer's to particular parcels of land? Why is he working with developers as if THEY are his clients and not, us, the citizens of Lancaster County? What exactly is his objective and why is the Planning Commission exacerbating our growth problems? If it's our present zoning laws then let's get to work and make those zoning requirements work **for** us and not **against** us. Let's be really smart (and brave) and regulate growth. PUD's and PSA's are NOT the answer.

I wanted to send this email to thank you and I've ended up asking lots of questions, but I feel that these are important questions and they need to be addressed by county leadership.

Sincerely,
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