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**Subject:** Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 2024-20 Annexing Property Generally Located South of State Road 528, East of the Starwood Property and North of the Osceola County Line and Comprised of ±5,398 Acres  
**Attachments:** Sunbridge PD Regulating Plan.pdf

April 22, 2024

Mayor Dyer and City of Orlando Council Members  
City Hall  
400 South Orange Avenue  
Orlando, Florida 32801

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2024-20 Annexing Property Generally Located South of State Road 528, East of the Starwood Property and North of the Osceola County Line and Comprised of ±5,398 Acres (ANX2024-10002, Sunbridge-Camino Annexation) (Economic Development)

**SUMMARY:** Ordinance No. 2024-20 will annex +/-5,398.09 acres of property generally located South of State Road 528, east of the Starwood Property, and north of the Osceola County Line. This is a voluntary annexation pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 171.044. The proposed City's future land use designation and initial zoning will be determined later and will be reviewed by Technical Review Committee (TRC) and Municipal Planning Board (MPB) as a follow-up to the annexation.

On behalf of the Sierra Club Central Florida Group, I am writing in opposition to Phase II of the City's proposed annexation of the above subject properties. The Sierra Club believes this is an extensive land grab with important loss of environmental protection. Phases I & II annexation lands will comprise an extensive area located, north and south of SR 528, in southeastern Orange County. See attached City jurisdiction map.  
[https://gis.orlando.gov/PDF\\_Docs/CityWideMaps/CityMap34x44.pdf](https://gis.orlando.gov/PDF_Docs/CityWideMaps/CityMap34x44.pdf) Just how far will the City of Orlando invade into eastern Orange County?

Under Mayor Crotty's vision, Innovation Way was planned as a high-tech/high density corridor extending from southeast Orange County to the University of Central Florida. We believe Orange County has offered many planning opportunities for the land

owners/applicants. See attached Sunbridge Regulating Plan, most recent November 2023. Additionally, Phase II will engulf the proposed donated lands offered up by the landowner to entice acceptance of the CFX Osceola Eastern Extension, a toll road through the southern portion of the Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area. See Attached Map of Phase II.

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Orange County provides greater corridor protection that includes the Environmental Land Stewardship Plan Ordinance (ELSP), implemented by the Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Additionally, updates to Orange County's Wetland Protection and Tree Protection ordinances will provide greater sustainability for water quality and habitat protection surrounding major tributaries and extensive wetlands of the Econlockhatchee River, an outstanding Florida water. The City of Orlando's comprehensive planning does not provide local environmental protection standards for urbanized areas.

In closing, the Sierra Club Central Florida Group opposes the City's land grab under the guise of economic development. We believe the proposed annexation far surpasses the City's ability to adequately provide local protection for environmentally sensitive lands as well as fund and maintain required infrastructure.

**STOP THE LAND GRAB.**

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# City of Orlando Jurisdiction Map

## Legend

- Bus Stop
- Public Building
- Bike
- Highway
- Water
- Park
- Police Station

## Landmarks

- Church
- Museum
- Park
- Police Station

## Highways

- Interstate
- State Road
- County Road

## Traffic

- Traffic Light
- Signal

## Parks

- Park
- Recreation Area
- Aquatic Facility
- Waterfront Park
- Other Recreational Area
- Orlando City Land



Map  
Scale  
0 to 1 mile

