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I support Commissioner Bonilla's effort to Rescind Resolution 2019-M-50.

From the communication records in Commissioner Bonilla's package today, FCT is providing clear direction that a Land Exchange is the appropriate policy to apply based on the facts of this matter. Therefore the Resolution contains errors that would not have been committed had there been time for the appropriate information to become known.

In December, the hasty decision seemed odd in light of some excerpts I pulled from the January 8, 2019 BCC Meeting. I invite you to verify these quotes from the video archives.

"I think it's inappropriate for us to make any decision without all of the information in front of us at this point in time...there is nothing to be lost by waiting to see."

Commissioner VanderLey, January 8, 2019 regarding protecting Split Oak Forest

"We need more information...I hope that you don't read too much into us saying we just don't make decisions until we have all the information."

Commissioner Moore, January 8, 2019 regarding protecting Split Oak Forest

Mayor Demings also agreed and suggested waiting. No action was taken.

To summarize, when asked to consider protecting Split Oak Forest over a year ago, this Board did not have enough information to do so and refused to take action.

Yet, in December 2019, when it came time to doom Split Oak Forest to certain destruction, a lack of information did not cause concern and did not prompt the same members to request the appropriate information or to do their homework.

Please take the time now to protect the interests of the people of Orange County, honor your oath and step up as the leaders that your constituents and family and spouses and children and grandchildren can be proud of.

Rescind the Resolution. You'll have time to consider it again in the future, when you have the appropriate information available to you. There is nothing to be lost and in fact, some respect may be earned back.

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**"As a wise man once said, an error doesn't become a mistake until you
refuse to correct it..."** John F. Kennedy, April 27, 1961 regarding Press

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