

## Letters to the Editor for March 1, 2016

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### **Transmit the plan**

We've all seen the results of unplanned sprawl and we're rightly protective of Alachua County. Now before our county commission is Envision Alachua, a 50-year sector plan for about 60,000 acres in eastern Alachua County.

Current use on these lands under our comprehensive plan allows for more than 7,000 five-acre homes, with no additional zoning required. Because residences won't be built under the Envision Alachua plan until jobs are created — three jobs to one residence — the plan protects us from just another sprawling residential development.

What's unique about the Envision Alachua plan is that Gainesville's eastside will benefit first, for a change, and not have to wait for crumbs later. Our commissioners have an opportunity: to ensure the development rights on 88 percent of these acres are permanently removed, while 12 percent is developed, under the comp plan-embraced mixed-use, transit-oriented, employment-oriented policies.

Vote yes to transmit the Envision Alachua sector plan.

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