

## EXHIBIT "2"

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**Subject:** concerned resident re: Hale PCD proposed storage project

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you not to approve the proposed storage unit project at the southwest corner of Coconut Creek Parkway and Lyons Rd. While the developer has tried to make the project more appealing by adding a grocery store and a coffee shop, this is not a good enough reason to approve it.

It is important that we have businesses that serve the residents, particularly ones we do not already have nearby. A storage unit is not something that our community needs more of, especially given that there are several others within a 1-mile radius, including one that is only a few hundred feet away across the street from the proposed site. In fact, all of the proposed businesses already exist across the street, which only adds to the redundancy of the project.

Nearly every business on Coconut Creek Parkway will come and go over the years, but the storage units will be with us for the next 30+ years. In the long term, if passed, all we will have to show for this is rundown warehouses in the middle of our community. Regardless of what else the developer is proposing, we should never be willing to accept an undesirable business as a condition of getting good ones.

I am not anti-business or anti-development by any means. Rather, I am for positive development that provides maximum benefit to residents. I would love for South Creek to be the place we do not have to drive away from for anything other than a trip to the grocery store or to find a storage unit. For example, sit-down restaurants, professional services, nice retail, or entertainment would all be welcome developments - truly commercial development without twisting the definition to include warehouses.

Approving this project would not be in the best interest of our community. Instead, we should focus on attracting truly needed businesses that will benefit our community as a whole. We deserve better, we can do better, and I am confident that we have the leadership in the city commission to stand up to projects like this. I urge you to reject storage units and warehouses and instead work towards more positive development for our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Marder