
PD26-0002 case

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My name is Lela Dooley, and I live at **810 se 26th st.** .

I am writing to urgently ask you to deny case **PD26-0002** for the property at 325 SE 24th Street. This proposed medical facility is completely unnecessary, and it represents a dangerous, existential threat to our neighborhood.

Our area is already heavily saturated with medical infrastructure. We have two major hospitals located less than two miles from this exact development site, and both of them are currently expanding their footprints. We also have multiple doctor's offices just blocks away off Lake Avenue and Pine Street. The medical needs of Ocala are already fully met by these massive, ongoing expansions. There is absolutely no public necessity to push more medical complexes directly into a residential neighborhood.

Our community is already sandwiched between these expanding medical zones, three separate schools and nursing facilities operating in the same area. We are at a breaking point. I am genuinely terrified that if you approve this rezoning, it will trigger a domino effect. The hospitals and doctors will keep expanding right into our neighborhood until there is nothing left of our community but a paved-over medical district.

If you approve this change, you are creating a permanent, daily nuisance for the families who live here:

- **Total Traffic Gridlock:** Between expanding medical traffic, three active schools, buses, and drop-off lines, SE 24th Street is already a dangerous bottleneck. Adding another facility will completely paralyze our local roads and endanger neighborhood children.
- **Constant Disruptions:** We will face a relentless influx of delivery trucks, medical transport, and heavy commercial noise starting early in the morning, destroying the quiet enjoyment of our homes.
- **Loss of Privacy and Light Pollution:** We do not want massive commercial structures looming over our private backyards or blinding parking lot security lights shining into our bedroom windows all night long.

Our neighborhood has already done its part to accommodate Ocala's medical growth. We have coexisted with the schools and the clinics, but a line must be drawn here. Residential neighborhoods are the backbone of this city, and they deserve protection from commercial encroachment.

Please protect our homes, preserve what is left of our neighborhood, and vote **NO** on case PD26-0002. Thank you."