December 19, 2019

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Division of Community Planning
Plan Processing Team
107 E. Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120
Attention: D. Ray Eubanks

Re: Transmittal of proposed Town of Southwest Ranches Future Land Use Map

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

With regard to the above, please be advised that the Local Planning Agency (Town Council) and the Local Governing Body (Town Council) of the Town of Southwest Ranches held duly advertised public hearings for the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan on December 12, 2019. The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on first reading and transmit same to the Department.

The amendment changes the land use designation of approximately 32.8 acres from Residential Medium-Density (16 du/ac) to Rural Ranches (1 du/2.5 ac). The amendment is not a small-scale amendment, does not change the text of the comprehensive plan, is not applicable to an area of critical state concern, and is not an emergency.

This letter constitutes transmittal of all relevant documentation by the Town to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity under the expedited state review process, pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), F.S. A copy of the complete amendment package including supporting data and analysis was transmitted to the appropriate review agencies pursuant to Ch. 163.3184(1)(c), F.S. on December 18, 2019. The anticipated date of adoption is February, 2020.

Enclosed, please find three (3) copies (1 hardcopy, and 2 electronic copies in PDF format) of the following documents:

- Proposed amendment;
- Ordinance (approved on first reading);
- Staff report to Town Council and LPA
Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this submittal package, please feel free to contact Jeff Katims, AICP, of the Mellgren Planning Group. He may be reached at any of the following:

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Very truly yours,

Andrew D. Berns
Town Administrator

Enclosures: Proposed amendment, Ordinance, Staff Report.

cc:

-Mark Weigly, Office of Educational Facilities, Florida Department of Education
-Plan Review, Office of Intergovernmental Programs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
-Robin Jackson, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Florida Department of State
-Stephen Braun, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation
-Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council
-Terry Manning, Water Supply Coordination Unit, South Florida Water Management District
-Henry Sniezek, Broward County Department of Environmental Protection and Growth Management
-Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director, Broward County Planning Council