

Letter of Support for District 18 Planning and Zoning

Baldwin County Commission
Baldwin County, Alabama

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for bringing District 18 under the jurisdiction of the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commission. I respectfully request that the Commission move forward with establishing planning and zoning for District 18 in order to promote responsible growth, protect property owners, and preserve the long-term character of our community.

Baldwin County continues to experience tremendous growth. While growth is inevitable and welcome, it must be managed in a thoughtful and orderly manner. Without planning and zoning, development can occur with little coordination, creating conflicts between residential, agricultural, and commercial uses while placing unnecessary strain on roads, utilities, emergency services, and other public infrastructure.

Establishing planning and zoning for District 18 would provide a framework for controlled growth that benefits both current residents and future generations. It would help eliminate unregulated development in areas that currently have no zoning protections, provide greater certainty for property owners, and encourage investment by ensuring neighboring properties are developed in a compatible manner.

I also encourage the Commission to consider the goals and recommendations outlined in the Town of Summerdale's Comprehensive Plan when developing planning and zoning policies for District 18. Summerdale has invested significant time and effort into creating a vision for responsible, sustainable growth that balances economic development with the preservation of the rural character and quality of life that residents value. Aligning county planning efforts with the Comprehensive Plan, where practical, would promote consistency, reduce conflicts, and help ensure that future development complements the long-term vision for this area.

Planning and zoning should not be viewed as a barrier to growth, but rather as a tool to guide growth responsibly. It provides property owners with greater predictability, protects property values, supports agriculture and existing neighborhoods, and helps ensure that development occurs in locations where infrastructure and public services can adequately support it.

I respectfully ask the Baldwin County Commission to support the implementation of planning and zoning in District 18 and to work with local municipalities, including the Town of Summerdale, to create regulations that reflect the community's vision while protecting the rights of property owners.

Thank you for your time, your service to Baldwin County, and your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,

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