

Testimony to the Martin County Board of County Commissioners: May 3, 2022

By: Jim Snedeker

I am speaking on my behalf, and not for any organization in which I am involved, as respects the possible ½ cent sales tax specifically targeted toward land preservation.

My original concern regarding this initiative was that there is not sufficient time to properly communicate how it will benefit our community. I was also under the impression that if this initiative did not proceed this year, that it could be subject to a vote of the citizens next year

But, late yesterday I learned that we will have to wait two years and not one to have another vote. So, when I consider this fact and the results of the survey recently conducted that show that among all political parties that preserving the unique qualities of Martin County are paramount, I now realize that the prudent course of action is to proceed. That is, our fellow citizens, from all walks of life, support preserving that which makes our community so special. The fact that at least 64% of the individuals surveyed support this initiative speaks for itself.

So, while I am concerned that the window of opportunity to properly communicate the pros and cons of this initiative is limited, I'd hate to lose this opportunity to support this initiative especially now that I have learned that we will have to wait two years if it does not go forward this year.

No matter how your decision proceeds, I'll look forward to supporting whatever position the Commission takes.

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By [Signature] D.C.