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Board of County Commissioners

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City of Laurel Hill Mailer Not an Endorsement by Okaloosa County Officials

Shalimar, Fla. – At the March 2, 2021 Okaloosa Board of County Commissioner’s meeting, a citizen made the Board aware of a perceived endorsement on a City of Laurel Hill mailer regarding the upcoming election for the citizens of Laurel Hill to determine whether or not the City should be dissolved.

The Board of County Commissioners makes no claims as to the validity of the information contained in the mailer, nor does the County take a formal position either for or against the dissolution of the City of Laurel Hill. The County has provided opportunities for partnership in the past with various City initiatives and is committed to continuing these efforts in the future.

“Through several Town Hall meetings with the citizens of Laurel Hill, the County has made themselves accessible to the public in favor of transparent question and answer opportunities,” said District 1 Commissioner Paul Mixon. “The County has made a conscious effort to remain neutral on the topic as this is a local decision to be made by the citizens of Laurel Hill.”

The ambiguous, yet perceived endorsement, appeared in the footer of a mailer recently received by registered voters within the City. The County wants to be clear that we stand in support of the citizens of Laurel Hill and trust that the residents of this community will make those decisions in the upcoming election which serve their long-term best interests.

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