

Letter to the Editor

WG's NO vote on the Comp Plan against the residents

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Levy Court has finally voted to accept the Kent County Comprehensive Plan. This plan is the recommendation of the County Planning Staff and the Comprehensive Plan Working Committee, with the additional input from a number other entities such as the Kent Farm Bureau, Kent County Association of Realtors, and many residents.

Unfortunately for the 5th Levy Court District, Commissioner WG Edmanson voted in opposition to this plan, stating that the public statements, leading comments, and mention of a "different direction" were his reasons. Mr. Edmanson gave no respect to the residents of the district when voting against this plan. Mr. Edmanson has broken another of his campaign promises, this one to support Open Space and controlled growth.

I have knocked on more than 3,200 households and while the economy is a top concern, still an equal concern is growth. The plan addresses the type of growth that can occur inside the growth zone, outside the growth zone, and development design. To vote against this plan is a vote against the well-being of every resident, and is a vote in favor of uncontrolled growth, additional traffic congestion, and overcrowded schools. Every person I have talked to wants controlled growth and infrastructure that keeps up with growth.

I understand the concerns of the landowners. They feel their land is being de-valued and they don't like being told what they can or cannot do with their land. Mr. Edmanson catered to these special interest groups and voted against the majority in the district.