

We now have the luxury of hindsight and a re-vote in front of you today.

Today, you alone have the full power to pull the vote in line with the Mayor, the droves of constituents and Orange County's planned initiatives in your district. In light of this testimony, I ask that you vote "NO" today on the LPS project.

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**Mayor Jacobs:**

**"It is a better plan than I have seen before"**

**"Being better doesn't necessarily mean its right for its timing"**

**"I think the decision right now for me is to make use of the property we have on the west side of the Econ." (Innovation Way and others)**

**"We have had an enormous amount of testimony that has validated how I walked in here tonight feeling"**

**"I don't think we need to do this development at this time"**

**Commissioner Edwards:**

**"If that is your position, I wish that would have been communicated to the staff so we would not have gone through the process we went through."**

This statement is implying: Had I known your vote (the Mayor) was a "NO", mine would have been the same "NO" and I would not have gone through the additional negotiations with the developer after transmittal. (The question is - now that I am in "this spot", will I vote "NO", or hope that one of my fellow commissioners will vote "NO" to help me, Orange County and my constituents out? Passing a development with this substantial impact on misread assumptions would be a travesty.)

**"I relied on your staff coming back and convincing me if the components in this are appropriate"**

The Mayor is very clear in her messaging that staff is there to work for the commissioners and do so independent of the Mayor having a perceived "YES", or "NO" position. Placing blame on staff guiding a commissioner to a "YES" position would be stripping a commissioner of their responsibility to consider input from their constituents voices and weighing for themselves how this development affects Orange County's other development initiatives – in short, simply voting based on staff's input.