

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF EXPRESS LANES COMBINED WITH COLLECTOR-DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AND/OR REVERSIBLE LANES COMBINED WITH COLLECTOR-DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AND/OR EXIT OR ENTRANCE RAMPS ONTO INTERSTATE 75 AT STIRLING ROAD IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the residents of Southwest Ranches have fought for over thirty years to preserve the rural equestrian character of the Southwest Ranches; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Commission in recognition of the unique residential equestrian character of the Southwest Ranches has, through land use classifications, prohibited multi-residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature by a unanimous vote approved a Special Act of the Legislature, Chapter 2000-475, creating the Town of Southwest Ranches; and

WHEREAS, in a referendum of the voters of the Southwest Ranches, the electorate, by a vote in excess of 95% of those voting, ratified the formation of the Town of Southwest Ranches for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the quality of life and residential character of the Southwest Ranches; and

WHEREAS, Stirling Road is the primary interior connector road between Sunshine Ranches, one of the neighborhoods of the Southwest Ranches, and the Western portion of Southwest Ranches, and the designated connector route linking the equestrian trails and the proposed Equestrian Park of the Southwest Ranches to the proposed county wide system of greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, the construction of an Interstate 75 interchange at Stirling Road will destroy one of Broward County's last remaining equestrian communities, jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Southwest Ranches, and place the lives of the equestrians who use its roads and trails in jeopardy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida.

Section 1: The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

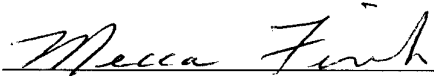
Section 2: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches adamantly opposes the construction of an interchange at Stirling Road and Interstate 75.

Section 3: The Town Administrator is empowered to take all steps necessary and proper to convey the position of the Town Council as expressed in this Resolution to the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida, the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Transportation and such other parties deemed necessary and appropriate.

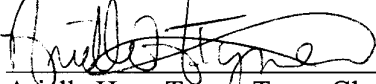
Section 4: The Town Administrator shall keep the Town Council informed as to the proposed action of the Department of Transportation and shall, from time to time, recommend further action which the Town Council can take to preserve and protect the character of Southwest Ranches and the interests of its citizens.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 8th day of February, 2001.


Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:


Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney