

My limited remarks will not produce any information that you are not already aware---however, I am trying to frame history in two minutes.

I moved here July 3, 1976, almost 39 years ago. The population of Fort Lauderdale has increased about 20 to 25% and Broward County has almost tripled.

The tallest building in downtown Fort Lauderdale in 1976 was the Landmark Bank Building(where Tower Club is located) and the next tallest building was the Governors Club—as I remember 8 stories tall.

The airport was a sleepy little regional airport and the only international flights were to the Bahamas—now it is a mega airport servicing the world and brings in millions of passengers per year.

The port was mostly mangroves and now it is a thriving port and epi center for cruise ships.

There was no Galleria Mall,no performing arts center, no museum of science and discovery, etc. There was no Riverwalk---opps and some say there should not be a Riverwalk. The Yankee Clipper was the premier hotel on beach and then there was Pier 66. The Belgian Country Inn restaurant was by airport and open in season, Le Dome of the Four Seasons, Café De Paris, Down Under, Stan's, Harrison's, Creighton's were the restaurants and gathering places.

Broward County is home to one of the largest police enforcement organizations in USA.

The amount of people staying longer and longer for “the season” each year increases

There has been tremendous growth in office buildings, condo’s, private homes, support companies such as drug stores and supermarkets.

Not withstanding the unbelievable growth and progress, there has only been one substantive action taken that improves the traffic---raising the 17th st Causeway bridge.

We do not need traffic studies to know that the traffic has become a night mare here in Fort Lauderdale. Just get in your car and drive to work, to the theater, to a restaurant, doctor, hospital, movie—it is no longer pleasant. The projection of additional living spaces in existing residential neighborhoods will only exacerbate what is already and unacceptable situation.

While progress and growth are a normal procedure—PLEASE LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND TAKE A HARD LOOK AT WHAT IS BEING PLANNED—ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!