

President Trump's actions run counter to U.S. military role

Editor:

Once again, I must disagree with Mr. (Richard) Corbeil's "cherry picking" where he writes about ONE Marine's opinion espousing the use of our military forces against U.S. citizens peacefully protesting social injustice. Not surprising, the person he quotes worked for Trump. Let's hear from other people with military backgrounds: 4-star Gen. Richard Myers, 14th president of Kansas State University and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

4-star Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. John Douglass, former assistant secretary of the Navy; Adm. Mike Mullen, another chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Martin Dempsey, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. James Mattis, whom Corbeil's source criticized; Gen. John Kelly, former Trump White House chief of staff; Gen. Raymond Thomas, former commander of the United States Special Operations Command; 4-star Gen. Michael Hayden, former director

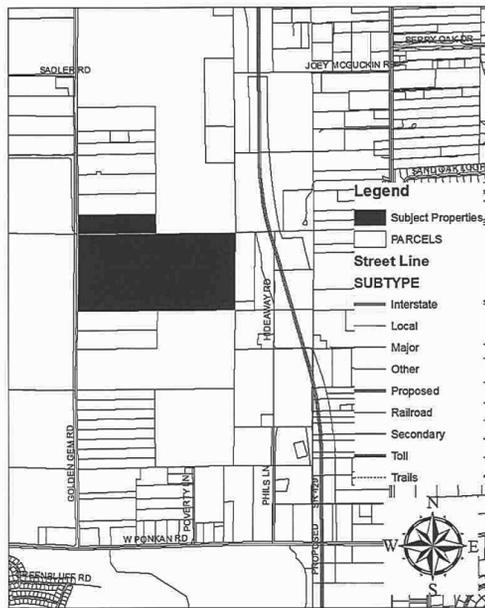
of the National Security Agency; and many more former military officers. These patriots object to bone spur Trump's use of military force against overwhelmingly peaceful protesters – the people whom the U.S. military is supposed to protect. His actions run counter to everything the U.S. military stands for. If we start using our military for political purposes, we will be no better than China, North Korea, and other fascist countries.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that **Cantero Holdings, LLC**, has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY**. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2769
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM TRANSITIONAL (T) TO "CITY" MIXED-USE KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE (MU-KPI), AND ASSIGNING A NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3845 AND 4011 GOLDEN GEM ROAD, COMPRISING 91.94 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY CANTERO HOLDINGS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 13-20-27-0000-00-054, 24-20-27-0000-00-097
Contains: 91.94 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2769 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 1, 2020, beginning at 1:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance and Master Plan can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Everybody has an opinion. Why not share yours?

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cial media posts. Are the citizens satisfied and trusting that these governmental agencies are working to resolve the situation? That is my hope. No news feels good news on this issue. I hope I'm right.

Let's take another issue in *The Apopka Chief* readership area – the traffic concerns at Wekiwa Springs Road and SR 436 near the Wekiwa River-walk shopping center. Due to the complicated nature of three jurisdictions in the area of the shopping center, the roadway traffic patterns became dangerous. I remember over a year ago calling Brian Sanders, a traffic expert in the Orange County Public Works Department, asking him to come take a look. I trusted him for his expertise and several other reasons, including he is a resident of the district and drives these roadways regularly. He told me that, yes, a fix was

required because the intersection was now in jeopardy of head-on collisions. Safety always comes before convenience. No more left turns would be allowed out of the entrance-way. I mentioned to many folks that I didn't particularly like this solution as I had for 25 years myself turned left out of the intersection. Again, safety must come first. Throughout the year of planning and correction of the problem, my office communicated vigorously through this column, NextDoor, social media, etc. Last weekend, the county completely shut the road down overnight to complete the final paving and markings. I sent out e-mail communication warning the Wekiwa Springs area residents. I heard little from the constituents.

Did they trust the Orange County government to rectify the problem? Obviously, that is my hope.

One last example from this part of the dis-

trict. There has been significant interest in correcting the traffic accidents at Mt. Plymouth and Kelly Park roads. This past year, there have been more than four accidents with severe injuries to passengers. The citizens were all over social media with posts and petitions asking for a traffic light. I even had calls from Apopka commissioners. The challenge here is that I never received the petitions and I kept trying individually to relate the best I could that the county was on it. It was being researched and possible action explored. Also, remember that traffic lights take several years to erect and thus additional solutions needed to be explored. It would have been helpful to have been able to communicate more directly with these 4,000 petition signers. My office has ordered traffic studies and has put supreme

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If they are treated badly or harassed, is it their fault based on how they are dressed?

This change to using completely gender-neutral language was long overdue and I'm thrilled that it will be voted in on Tuesday. More important, I'm glad I championed this cause and our girls will be able to learn in an environment where they are safe from being singled out.

The second thing on the agenda is the approval of the implementation of the Academy of Culinary Arts Magnet at Wekiwa High School. This is beyond thrilling for the Apopka area and for Wekiwa High.

Before a program can achieve full magnet status, it must be an academy for a

few years and meet certain requirements. The culinary program at Wekiwa has been thriving and has become a wonderful program that the students love being a part of.

I have been a part of the program's advisory board this past year as they tried to finish the requirements for the district to gain magnet status. Magnet status allows them to draw students from across the district regardless of their address.

This is a tremendous opportunity for all the students in OPCS especially since this will be the only culinary magnet in all of Central Florida.

Right here in Apopka! The Academy of Culinary Arts Magnet creates vast opportunities from catering to leadership while preparing students for spe-

cific roles from restaurant manager to sous chef to charcuterie chef to baker. The students have the opportunity to earn industry certifications so they are work force ready when they graduate.

More than preparing kids for the future, this program is another opportunity for students to find a place in which to fit, a place to build a passion. Students in the program have said that the program is what kept them interested in school. This is what a good magnet can do.

The Culinary Magnet at Wekiwa is a great example of the kind of learning opportunities I have been so passionate about bringing to our students in Northwest Orange. I'm thrilled that this vision is coming to fruition for our community and our kids.

Corbeil: Biden must work on his vote-getting turnout decisions

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lectively increased focus on his health and whether he is mentally fit to serve. In some cases, Biden has appeared confused. Some have suggested that his age may be an issue. Biden's awkwardness with women and children has also potentially worked against him.

"Biden now faces sexual assault allegations from 1993 made by Tara Reade. The former Senate aide filed a complaint with the Senate 27 years ago. Per "Time," in 2019, seven other women have alleged that Biden touched them inappropriately or exhibited unwanted behavior such as hugging, kissing, or invading their personal

space. He has also been accused of objectifying women in the past. As pressures mount, Biden denies the charges.

"Every move he makes, including his selection of VP, will be calculated in terms of ultimate impact on voter turnout. Many predict that for Biden to win the November election, he must choose a well-known progressive African-American woman as his running mate."

"Uncle Joe's campaign style amidst the worldwide pandemic is yet another hurdle for him to overcome. While other Democrat leaders, especially Governor Cuomo of New York, are coming across as strong leaders in a time of

crisis, Biden is struggling to find a voice in the national conversation.

"His visibility remains low, whereas President Trump has been in the spotlight leading America through a great period of great difficulty and uncertainty. If Biden fails to find a winning formula soon, a dark horse may emerge and seize the nomination."

"Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God." Deuteronomy 4:23 and 24.

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

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City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.).....	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.....	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency.....	911
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Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services.....	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.....	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission.....	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor.....	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection.....	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.....	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser.....	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint.....	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments ...	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency.....	911
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Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.).....	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
State Representatives	
Jennifer Sullivan (Dist. 31)	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
State Senators	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
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Christine Moore	407-836-7350
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Pupil assignment.....	407-317-3233
Bus routes.....	407-317-3800
Superintendent.....	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
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