

Former Chicago gang member does not want police to be defunded

Editor:

Kash Lee Kelly, a former Chicago gang member, has a message that he directs to all of us, but es-

pecially to those who are advocates of Black Lives Matter. He says three of his videos, the ones that have gotten millions of views, have been taken down

from Facebook. He says he is the definition of America and he is fearless in saying what he believes. He says the Bible says, "A fool despises cor-

rection but a wise man will listen." He says he is not like Jesus, he doesn't turn the other cheek; if you hit him, he will hit you back. And he will not stop say-

ing what he believes. He doesn't think the police need to be defunded. He doesn't deny there are some bad cops. Good cops need to get rid of the bad

ones. He says, "Most people who were killed by the police were doing something wrong. That's a fact!"

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Where the individual was once thought to be the best of order and progress, Nisbet says he feels this success has morphed into anxiety and insecurity. He believes it is the consequence of social disintegration. Now, Nisbet is definitely not, nor am I,

prone to promote communism or socialism, but he warns how these philosophies could grow out of dystopian individualism. So, I must skip to the last chapter to leave readers in a better place. Nisbet recommends joining more community-based groups and organizations. This past week, my district held

a meeting for the Clarcona area to discuss how to preserve the rural settlement and soon I will host one for the Northcrest subdivision where I have been working on infrastructure improvements and helping them with next steps to better organize themselves. (Utilizing masks, social distancing, and strict limitations

on occupancy, etc.) Strong, secure organizations with active members is the goal. Nisbet talks about political democracy resting either heavily upon the state or the plurality of associations in society. The goal of political democracy, in his mind, is to help varied groups in society to co-exist and of-

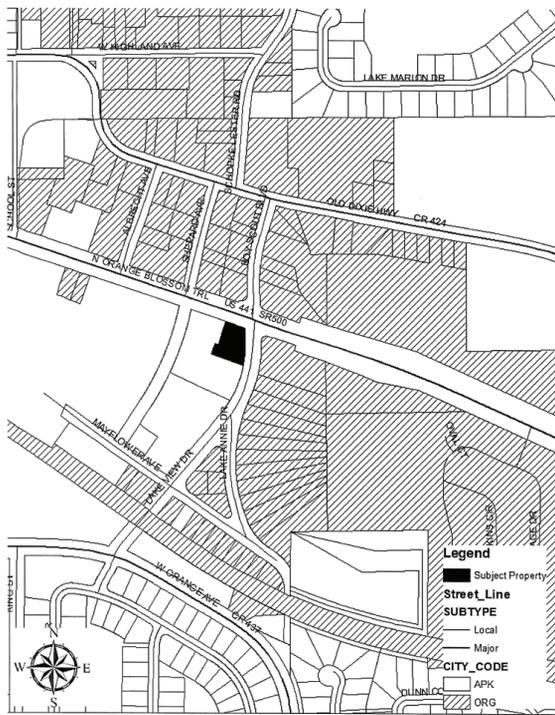
fer a fair playing field. No one wants a sterile, Soviet-style, communist or socialist society where a multitude of opinions cannot be heard. Thus, we must make some changes. After reading the book, "The Quest for Community," I'm more convinced than ever to continue my work encour-

aging, strengthening, and engaging neighborhood associations. I hope you can find just such a group and pour your talents and interests into. Perhaps we can remedy the isolation and dystopia our nation is now experiencing. It will take all of our efforts.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the property owner noted below and shown in the attached vicinity map has made application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, to the City of Apopka City Council, for ANNEXATION of the property shown in the following map:

ORDINANCE NO. 2794
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY MID-FLORIDA FREEZER PROPERTIES LLC; LOCATED SOUTH OF W. ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND WEST OF LAKE VIEW ROAD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

Parcel I.D. Number: 06-21-28-7180-07-010
Contains: 0.52 +/- acres

The proposed annexation, as indicated in the map of this advertisement, may be inspected by the public in the City of Apopka Community Development Department, and/or the office of the City Clerk, at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida (Apopka City Hall).

NOTICE is hereby given that the public hearings to consider the future adoption of Ordinance Number 2794 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. 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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Of course, by reading *The Apopka Chief*, you see nearly every week an application for a new subdivision or new development.

It is clear that we have a lot of room to grow and a very desirable location. The growth is coming and that is what I have been acutely aware of since taking office.

Seeing the *Orlando Business Journal* lay it out brought back to the forefront the biggest issue before the COVID-19 pandemic - how do we keep up with that growth and get ahead of it. That way we can have appropriate educational facilities to accommodate all the children this growth will bring to our area.

And while we know the growth is coming, we also know that COVID-19 has put a significant amount of pressure on how we fund schools. As you know, Orange County voters passed a sales tax to help pay for construction of new schools and renovating older ones.

When people stop traveling to Orange County, our sales tax collections take a significant drop. Right now, the Orlando International Airport is not expecting to return to pre-COVID levels until 2025 at

the earliest.

And then there are the mitigation agreements, which have still not been fixed.

At a school board meeting 18 months ago, I pulled some growth mitigation agreements off of the consent agenda and spoke about the importance of looking at our growth management process and figuring out new ways to mitigate growth.

What has happened in the past is that developers could pay a mitigation fee if their development would impact a local school that was already at capacity. That money was saved up and usually used to provide more portables at the impacted school until the enrollment would be high enough to prompt a new school to be built.

The fees were insignificant and certainly didn't have the impact they were meant to have when the agreements were made years ago. Then a law was passed last year that made the fees completely ineffective because we were now required to credit back any money paid ahead of impact fees.

In my opinion, the mitigation agreements were not an effective way to mitigate growth for our schools and they needed to go away.

With all of these changes, everyone is now being forced to look at this problem and come up with real solutions to solve our overcrowding problems.

It's not an easy problem to fix. There just isn't enough money to build all the schools we need based on the money we get from state and local sources, especially today.

We have to start thinking outside the box.

I knew coming into this position two years ago that this issue would be a priority for me because I didn't want to see us dealing with the same issues that other high growth areas have dealt with - schools that are extremely overcrowded for extended periods of time.

I'm convinced we can come together and work on solutions that work like changing our citing agreements so that we can build smaller schools, quicker, and cheaper, as well as entering into partnerships with developers to let them build schools within their communities.

The possibilities are endless.

The good news is that now the conversation has started and I am committed to making sure that our "quiet boomtown" has the schools it needs for all our children.

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administration, Hunter Biden served on the board of Ukrainian energy firm Burisma Holdings, while his father Joe was heading up the Ukraine policy. *Judicial Watch* is seeking records through six lawsuits and dozens of FOIA requests related to Hunter Biden's dealings with the

Ukrainian Burisma Holdings and the Chinese BHR Partners."

It's bad enough when a U.S. senator of a half-century uses his position to encourage his son to be an international scoundrel, but what's even worse is his run at the presidency of the world's greatest nation, with a campaign of in-

sults and lies against Donald Trump, one of the best presidents we've ever had.

"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivereth from death. The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked." Proverbs 10:2 and 3.

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

- City Hall.....407-703-1700
- Mayor's Office407-703-1701
- City Administrator407-703-1649
- City Clerk407-703-1704
- Community Devel.407-703-1712
- Code Enforcement407-703-1738
- Finance Dept.407-703-1725
- Fire (non-emerg.).....407-703-1756
- Parks and Rec. Dept.407-703-1741
- Police Chief407-703-1769
- Police (non-emerg.)407-703-1771
- Job Line407-703-1743
- Solid Waste Collect.....407-703-1731
- Street Maintenance.....407-703-1731
- Utility Billing.....407-703-1727
- Medical, fire emergency.....911
- The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net

Orange County Telephone Numbers

- Animal Services.....407-836-3111
- Auto/Boat Tags850-617-2000
- Building Dept.....407-836-8550
- County Mayor407-836-7370
- County Commission.....407-836-7350
- County Attorney407-836-7320
- Clerk of the Court.....407-836-2065
- Elections Supervisor407-836-2070
- Fire/Rescue407-836-3111
- Solid Waste407-836-6601
- Garbage Collection.....407-703-1731
- Health Dept407-836-2600
- Hunting/Fishing Lic888-347-4356
- Parks and Rec. Dept.407-836-6200
- Property Appraiser.....407-836-5044
- Sheriff Administrative...407-254-7000
- Non-Emerg. Complaint. 407-836-4357
- Utilities407-836-5515
- All other departments...407-836-3111
- Medical, fire emergency.....911
- www.orangecountyfl.net

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 Moore407-836-7350
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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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- Museum of the Apopkans...407-703-1707
- Chamber of Commerce.....407-886-1441