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Fellow citizens of Green,

I stand opposed to the very idea that I should be able to use the force of law to tell a man what he can or cannot do with his property. You would not want me telling you (rather arbitrarily) what to do with your land any more than I'd want you telling me what type of structure I can build on my own property that I paid for with the fruits of my own labor.

I fully understand why some oppose retirement villages, condos, or cluster homes in terms of Green's growing population. I am sympathetic to that. But sympathy is no substitute for principle. The principle of liberty is superior to the fear of overpopulation. A person should be free to build what they want. The free market, not reactionary factions, will decide if what was built was a good idea. Perhaps those concerned about overpopulation could pull their considerable resources to make an offer to the current landowner that is more profitable than whatever he is planning to do.

Coercion should not be the immediate course of action of free people.

Thank you for reading.

Tim Bates