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Board of Commissioners
Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District
601 East County Lane
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to clarify my position regarding legislation that I and my colleagues of the Lee County Legislative Delegation sponsored regarding the establishment of the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District that is now enshrined in law – Chapters 2015-202 and 2017-216, Laws of Florida.

Board Resolution 2018-07 authorizes the District to ask the electors to allow for the District to utilize the power of “*installation, maintenance, and control of outdoor signage, monuments, and decorative and seasonal banners and lights*”. The portion of the law authorizing signage powers did not envision regular street sign power, rather it was focused on signage relevant only to Lehigh Acres, such as the “cookie” at the intersection of Homestead Road and Lee Boulevard. There is no mention of street signs in the law or in the proposed resolution. The power to regulate street signs is properly understood to be a function of Lee County government. Regardless, all signage that the District would erect remains subject to appropriate permitting by Lee County government.

I believe that the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District has entered into a responsible agreement with the Lee County Board of County Commissioners on this matter and urge the citizens to evaluate their decision free from misleading and false interpretations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Caldwell".

Representative Matt Caldwell