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Growth Services 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd Ocala, FL 34470

To Whom it May Concern,

The Picadilly development will potentially bring in 720 new residents, on top of the 420 residents for the Coventry development in the same area. Not adding more deputies to the area will undoubtedly affect service in that area.

A measure used throughout law enforcement and by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is the ratio of officers per 1,000 residents. The Marion County Sheriff's Office ratio is currently 1.14 deputies per 1,000 residents, where the state average is 1.65 deputies per 1,000 residents for sheriff's offices.

Using Marion County Sheriff's Office's current deputy ratio, we would need to add an additional deputy to keep up the demands of the added population. The total cost for two deputies is \$203,086 for the first year.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM WOODS, SHERIFF

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Major Louis Pufford Law Enforcement Bureau