

## **Kyle Redinger Statement on Adelaide Rezoning Denial**

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We talk a lot in Albemarle County about being welcoming and inclusive, especially now, in the darkness and uncertainty associated with our immigrants and those most in need. But, when it comes time to creating inclusivity on a local level, it is clear that some of our leaders have a different agenda.

By opposing Adelaide, the dissenting supervisors, Ann Mallek, Liz Palmer, and Rick Randolph, have voted against inclusivity and against the recommendations of the experts that they appointed: the County Staff and the Planning Commissioners.

Their vote prevents Albemarle from building trails and connections and it pressures growth in the rural areas. It forces us to build closer to our neighbors and environmental features. Most importantly, it permanently eliminates the opportunity for affordable housing, creating price points that are far out of reach for young families, police officers, teachers and public servants.

Despite two years of proposals, plan revisions, and compromise, these dissenting votes ensure that the community vision outlined in the Master Plan will not be realized, and furthermore, it sends a message of exclusivity to those most in need.

I want to thank all the supportive staff, supervisors, community members, and friends who have worked with me on this project. It's been an honor to serve the goal of creating an inclusive and welcoming community.