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Mayor Jacobs Responds to Farragut's Growth Plan Vote

Mayor Glenn Jacobs will not be available for interviews today, March 29. He plans to meet with the media at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, April 1. Until then, here is his statement concerning Thursday night's vote by the Farragut Board of Mayor and Alderman.

"First, I want to thank Farragut Mayor Williams and Farragut Vice-Mayor Povlin for their support of this crucial and vitally important growth plan. I'd also like to thank the Advance Knox team, who worked long hours during the past two years in collaborative effort with many stakeholders, to develop a proposal that addresses some of the most pressing issues facing our county.

I am greatly disappointed with the outcome of last night's vote by the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Sometimes, when you are in a position of leadership, you must make tough, uncomfortable, decisions because it is the right thing to do.

Farragut was at the table throughout the discussions of this critical plan, and we incorporated the changes that they requested. Ultimately, the growth plan would change nothing for Farragut.

On the other hand, Knox County is in the midst of a major housing crisis, and also are trying to mitigate urban sprawl.

Last night's decision by only three Farragut aldermen hurts our entire county. Housing prices will continue to skyrocket - a negative for the almost 500,000 people who call Knox County home.

Further, this decision will increase our homelessness problem.

In the end, we are talking about higher taxes and a lower quality of life.

This growth plan addresses all of these issues. And again, it would not change Farragut – something the Farragut leaders requested.

At this point, we will look at all possible options, and how to move forward. Above all else, we cannot continue the path we have walked for the past two decades.

I promise we will find a solution."

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