

# Item # 12

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** YAZO ALCANTARA <yz76@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** Public Comments; Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Ichanzas@ppines.com; thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Zone Change

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Elected Officials Of Pembroke Pines,

It is deeply concerning that I as a resident of this great city of "ours" feel the need to have to send this email. My purpose is to express my concerns with the zoning change that has been approved by "our" city leaders. The same leaders we entrust to put the interests and wellbeing of the citizens of this great city, seem to have let us down. It appears that other interests and agendas have caused a lapse in the integrity of "our" mayor and city council members. I am completely against having a Crematorium in my backyard. Let alone any place in this great City of ours. By approving and implementing this zoning change you, our entrusted elected officials, demonstrate Total disregard for your residents and more directly, Pines Village. Being in favor of a Crematorium surrounded by residential homes, schools, parks, veterinarians, Pines Recreational Center(Hosting Hundreds of kids and parents every week) to name a few supports a disregard for residents. The obvious concerns are quality of air, foul odors, respiratory problems, property value and ash on everything the wind can blow on.

I wholeheartedly HOPE that this commission takes into heavy consideration past ventures by other cities with crematoriums along with the data recorded and exhaustive amounts of complaints from residents.

I have one simple question for every member of the Pembroke Pines city commission, including our Mayor: Would you want to live directly behind Boyd-Panciera Family Funeral Care in Pines Village while that crematorium is fired up, emitting toxic gases & ashes into the air you and your kids breathe and play in...? I'm not sure if this is a "favor" being implemented for someone who has influence with our mayor or who Really stands to benefit from this Zoning Change. Clearly, there is Nothing benefitting the Residents. There nothing that can be labelled "beautification" or "improvement" to the appeal of our city.

Which leaves the only logical motive as someone's personal gain..... At the expense of "Your" residents.

Thanks to Mr Randy Migdalski-President of Pines Village Group Inc for his efforts and my fellow neighbors for keeping us informed.

Respectfully,

Yazo Alcantara  
Pines Village resident

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**From:** Lady Pily <ladypilylady@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Public Comments  
**Subject:** NO ZONE CHANGE NO CREMATORY

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Good Afternoon,

I have been trying to call number given to place my vote and nobody answers. Also due to the circumstances we are all in with the COVID-19 I will not be able to attend the meeting today at 6:30. I am at high risk of getting ill. Please take this email as my **VOTE FOR NO** in placing a crematory in Pines Village. I am totally against this in a residential area where schools are nearby.

Thank you

MARIA FAJARDO

510 SW 64 Terrace Pembroke Pines, FL

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**From:** Karl Geus <airsource2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Public Comments; Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Ichanzas@ppines.com  
**Cc:** bonniemi@bellsouth.net; MARIA FARRELL  
**Subject:** Please vote "No" on the Zoning change "Installation of a Crematory Oven"

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Please vote "**No**" on the Zoning change "Installation of a Crematory Oven" on the agenda tonight, I and my family do not care to have the Oven in our neighborhood.

Thank you for the No vote.

Karl

Karl & Martha Geus  
600 SW 70 Terrace  
Pembroke Pines, Fl. 33023

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**From:** Michelle <pin6119620@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** No zone change, NO crematory for Pines Village

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Dear Pembroke Pines Commissioners.

As a long time resident of Pembroke Village I hereby express my Opposition to the proposed Zone Change for the building of a crematory in Pembroke Village. Many young families with children have and are moving into the Village and they must be protected.

Please vote NO to the proposed change. I vote NO to the proposed change.  
Thank you and God bless.

Michelle Castro  
720 SW 67 Avenue  
Pembroke Pines, Fl. 33023

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**From:** bachjewelers@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** NO ON ZONE CHANGE/ NO ON CREMATORY

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The city of Pembroke Pines has been called the happiest city in Broward County. I am a 28 year resident, and I agree. I have found my neighborhood of Pines Village to be an ideal place to raise my son, as well as a comfortable, safe and friendly place to live.

I take pride in my home and in my neighborhood. in regards to the commission vote on a zone change to allow a crematory in Pines Village I vote NO. I did some research on this matter, and I invite other residents of Pembroke Pines to do the same. A simple Google search, beginning with the topic: the effects of cremation on the environment will tell you all you need to know.

A yes vote from this commission will affect the collective property values of our neighborhood in a negative way. Let this commission know that we vote an emphatic NO!!!!

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**From:** Skarilla Monson <iliketudles20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Crematory Vote

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As a resident of Pembroke Pines for many years and an attendant to McArthur High school, I oppose the idea for the building of a crematory in this area. I do not want chemicals or pollution clouding in my area.

I vote No Zone Change and No Crematory.

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**From:** ranti edwards <rantedwards@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Crematory vote

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As a resident of Pembroke Pines for 38 years, I oppose a crematory in this residential area. My son also attend Mcarthur High School. I do not want my family nor any of my neighbors exposed to the chemicals or pollution that a crematory will bring.

I vote NO ZONE CHANGE, NO CREMATORY.

Thank you for listening.

Ranti Edwards

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**From:** AOL <forever2102@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Chanzas, Larissa  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Please vote no to the crematory and no to the zone change

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Dear Pembroke Pines Commissioners.

My parents and family moved to Pines Village from Miami in the late 80's. I was born at MRH and raised in this house and in this neighborhood since '88. My three brothers and sister and I all attended Pembroke Pines Elementary here in Pines Village and graduated from McArthur, just as some of their children currently do. My oldest brother bought his house and lives across the street from my parents in Pines Village, he raised his son there (who is now in Dental school). My sister bought her home five blocks away from my parents, also in Pines Village, and she is currently raising her three young children (8 year old twin boys and a 12 year old girl) there. My children (our 3 year old son, 1 year old son and unborn baby- due in January) all live and love it here (we love it so much that they were literally born at home, in this home- under the care of a licensed midwife of course).

I tell you all of this in order to put into context my plea to please vote NO to building a crematory near here and NO to re-zoning this wonderfully old and vibrant neighborhood. Many young families with children (including our 3 year old son, our 1 year old son and our unborn baby) live here and love it here and they deserve a chance for fresh air, clean soil and an excellent quality of life. As do my parents, brother and sister (who own homes in this neighborhood) and their children.

Please vote NO to the proposed change.  
Thank you and God bless.

Fatima K. Grahm  
641 SW 69 Way  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33023

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**From:** Patty Watson <pattywatson65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Chanzas, Larissa  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Zoning change - Crematory Oven Item #12 for June 3, 2020 Commission Meeting

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Dear City Commission Members:

I write as a concerned resident and homeowner of Pembroke Pines since 1991. I love my home and my community and do not wish to have it become a less desirable place to live for any reason. I feel this proposed zoning change to allow a crematory oven at Boyd Panciera on Pines Blvd, literally in the back yards of residents and across the street from the high school, would be a mistake and a detriment. I watched the news last evening and heard the owners of the funeral home say that there would be no change in air quality, that it would be well within established limits. I'm not a scientist, but I read an article recently that indicated that New York City, has only four crematories (one in the Bronx, one in Brooklyn and two in Queens). Because of Covid-19 deaths and the increased demand for cremations, New York state has **"relaxed air quality regulations to allow crematories to burn for longer hours."** Doesn't that statement indicate that there might be cause for concern? Doesn't it indicate to you that running crematories more hours would necessitate relaxing air quality regulations? By the way, there are already more crematories in Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood than in the 5 boroughs of New York City.

Please vote NO on the zoning change. I'll be observing the commission meeting this evening. Please consider your residents. Sincerely, Patricia Watson 920 NW 92 Ave.

\*footnote: Reuters.com [New York City Crematories work overtime as coronavirus brings backlog of bodies](#), April 2, 2020

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**From:** Silvia D. Perez <silvia.perez@jci.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 8:36 AM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Public Comments;  
**Subject:** THE  
**Attachments:** NO ZONE CHANGE NO CREMATORY  
NO CREMATORY IN PINES VILLAGE.pdf  
**Importance:** High


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I AM A RESIDENCE OF PEMBROKE PINES AND I OPPOSE/GO AGAINST  
THE "REZONING & INSTALLATION OF A CREMATORY" IN PINES  
VILLAGE!!!

MY VOTE IS DEFINETELY  
A "NO"

Thank you,

Silvia Perez / Service Coordinator   
10550 Commerce Pkwy  
Miramar, FL 33025  
PH: 954-862-5226  
Fax #: 954-433-1284  
email: [silvia.perez@jci.com](mailto:silvia.perez@jci.com)

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**From:** Steve garrett <ssgarrett@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 6:47 AM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com; Public Comments  
**Cc:** Public Comments; STEVE GARRETT  
**Subject:** ZONING CHANGE - FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORIALS

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It is not a good idea to allow cremations to take place very very close to residential properties in the city of Pembroke Pines.

The Pembroke Pines Zoning change allowing Crematories within existing Funeral Homes will have a severe impact on our Pines Village Neighborhood and the other residential neighborhoods surrounding the six existing Funeral Homes throughout the eastern portion of the City of Pembroke Pines. The proposed Zoning change will affect all six of these Funeral Homes allowing them all to install a Crematorium within their existing structures according to the proposed Zoning change.

I live within 300 feet of the Funeral Home proposing the crematorium at 6400 Pines Boulevard and have left my windows open during the winter months for Ten or Fifteen years. My windows are open all day to the nice cool winter air for about five months from about November through March. I DO NOT WANT TO SMELL BURNING HUMAN BODIES AT MY HOUSE!!

My neighbor to the west washes their clothes and puts the wet clothes in the clothes dryer just like all of us do at our homes and all the moisture in the clothes evaporates into the air and i can smell it and it has a pleasant smell. Some of my other neighbors cook outside and i can smell that also and can always tell if they are cooking a steak, bbq ribs or hamburgers by the smell from the grill. The smells from my neighbors cooking on their bbq grills are fantastic and it smells good especially when i am hungry. The human body contains about 60 percent water by weight so all of that water has to evaporate through the chimney at the human crematorium!!! I DO NOT WANT TO SMELL BURNING HUMAN BODIES AT MY HOUSE!!

Yes there is an odor emitted from a human crematory. A quick internet search of "HUMAN CREMATION ODOR" provides a lot of information on USA installed crematoriums documenting the smell, what it smells like, how nasty it smells, and documented malfunctions with the equipment releasing really nasty odors with black smoke billowing out of the massive chimney into the air. A "BAD BURN" sometimes occurs with an equipment malfunction or the burn of a "Very large (over weight) human body". Equipment malfunctions will happen just like our vehicles we drive daily have malfunctions. A vehicle running at 2000 degrees ferinheigt will malfunction!!!

Our children and older residents could also be severely affected by the chemicals and emissions emitted from a human crematorium. Toxic chemicals are released into the air during the human cremation process and these toxic carcinogens will be inhaled by people within close proximity to the crematorium. Some of the Toxic chemicals include the Mercury in the teeth from dentil fillings and from the fermaldehyde used in the imbombing process of the human body.

A residential neighborhood is not the appropriate location for a human crematory, this should be located in an Industrial Zoned area far far far away from houses and schools as the current zoning code currently allows. The

landfill area on US 27 in west Pembroke Pines would be a much more appropriate location for a Human Crematory. There are two Broward County Public Schools across the street from one possible location at 6400 Pines Blvd (which are within 300 feet) of the funeral home. Broward college is across the street from another proposed site. The college is about 500 feet from a funeral home that could install a crematory.

The City of Pembroke Pines and/or the citizens of Pembroke Pines do not have anything to gain from this proposed Zoning change allowing the installation of a crematorium in these existing Funeral Homes. So who will gain from this Zoning change???? THE OWNERS OF THE FUNERAL HOMES AND THE ATTORNEYS HIRED BY ALL OF THE FUNERAL HOME(S) and any others involved.

Why aren't there any Funeral Homes in west Pembroke Pines? Probably because the citizens don't want them there and have rejected previous proposals for new construction of them.

The existing six Funeral Homes in East Pembroke Pines that are in question were permitted and built between 1968 and 1986.

Well the building construction permits and zoning approvals for these six existing funeral homes were approved Thirty (30) to Fifty (50) years ago in the past!!!! Would these permits be approved if applied for today, probably not?? Nobody wants a Funeral Home close to their home, business, or restaurant especially not one with a Human Crematorium. A whole lot has happened in the city of Pembroke Pines during this 50 year period of time including the major expansion and development into the Western portion of the city. So why didn't they build any Funeral Homes in West Pembroke Pines???

**Rogers, Debra**

**From:** brendascalan@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 12:42 AM  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** No zone chance\*No crematory

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Please\* Im live in pines village neighborhood and Im 100% opposition of zone chance and create a cremation center in my backyard..I live for 20 years and a nice place ... Please keep my neighbor clean of pollution.

Brennda Vanneza Scalant.

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**From:** shelly ann benjamin <annramlal@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 11:40 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** 100% Vote Against Rezoning and Installation of Crematory in Pines Village

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to notify everyone that we would like to 100% vote against the Motion to Pass Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-05 On the First Reading.

Our family adamantly and 100% oppose the passing of this ordinance.

We have lived in this neighborhood for the last twenty years and we have very strong ties to our community, and our family believe that this Crematory will not only cause our family property and neighborhood value to decline; but it will also cause considerable health issues for our family and the members of our community now and in the future.

Therefore, we would like to let your office know that we are 100% voting against this proposition and/or ordinance.

Yours respectfully,  
Shelly-Ann Armoogam  
954-986-1809



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**From:** Richard Ramal <Bigrich0183@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 11:18 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments; thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Veto the Motion to Pass Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-05 On First Reading - Vetoing Rezoning and Installation of Crematory in Pines Village i

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Good night Distinguished Members of the City of Pembroke Pines,

Our family would like the opportunity to speak on the rezoning and installation of a Crematory in Pines Village.

We would like to say that we 100% disagree with this rezoning and installation of the Crematory in Pines Village.

We would like the opportunity to speak at the meeting if possible. I can be reached at 954-536-9728.

Thank you.

Mr. Richard Ramlal



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**From:** lourdes galvez <lourdesg0427@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:04 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Ordinance N0. 2020-05 "City Wide Zone Change/Installation of a crematory oven"

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to request that you vote NO to item #12, Proposed Ordinance N0. 2020-05 "City Wide Zone Change/Installation of a crematory oven".

I want to start by saying that I am not against cremation. That is not a problem. The issue I take with the installation of a crematory oven is the proximity residential homes and schools and the environmental/health impact on the community.

Boyd-Panciera Funeral home is, quite literally, in the back yard of Pines Village residents. Pembroke pines Elementary is located within the Pines Village community and West Hollywood Elementary and McArthur High school are across the street. Pines Village is a community with a well-mixed group of ages, including the young school children and elderly. Our residents deserve to breathe clean air that does not have the added contaminants of Carbon Monoxide, Sulphur Dioxide, and other various chemical and organic compounds that are produced during cremation.

The proposed code includes that the funeral home operator must meet all state and county regulations, however regulations change and may even be considered a political subject. Annual environmental report only gives us the information on impact and emission during a certain period of time, but our residents live and go to school and work every day. If we wait for an environmental report to tell us that something went wrong with the oven and it allowed emission over county and state regulations, that means that our resident have been exposed for that time period that the report is for.

Please consider the residents that live in the community of Pines Village when you make your decision.

Vote NO on Proposed Ordinance NO. 2020-05 "City Wide Zone Change/Installation of a crematory oven".

Sincerely,

Lourdes Galvez

Resident of Pines Village.

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** Stacey Galvez <sgalvez@fednat.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:00 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** 'lourdesg0427@yahoo.com'; Public Comments  
**Subject:** Proposed Ordinance NO. 2020-05 "City Wide Zone Change/Installation of a crematory oven"

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Vote NO on Proposed Ordinance NO. 2020-05 "City Wide Zone Change/Installation of a crematory oven".

Sincerely,  
Stacey Galvez  
Resident of Pines Village.

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**From:** Faneza Karim- Thompson <thompson1510@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 7:56 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Fwd: City if Pembroke Pines Village. NO ZONE CHANGE NO CREMATORY!

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**From:** Faneza Karim- Thompson <thompson1510@gmail.com>  
**Date:** June 2, 2020 at 7:50:48 PM EDT  
**To:** fortis@ppines.com  
**Subject:** City if Pembroke Pines Village. NO ZONE CHANGE NO CREMATORY!

As a resident in the Pembroke Pines Village, I am against No changes and Crematory. We have 4 schools in the area and I find it unsafe and unhealthy for the children that are in close proximity next to a CREMATORY. This action will have serious side effects on everyone living in the area. There children do not have a voice especially since they are not of age to vote, however we are, and we will remember during election time, what you guys have done to our community. We as residence in the area will not tolerate no such changes in neighborhood. If we have to knock on doors to get the residences signature's, we will petition this action and we will continue to do so.

Mrs. Thompson

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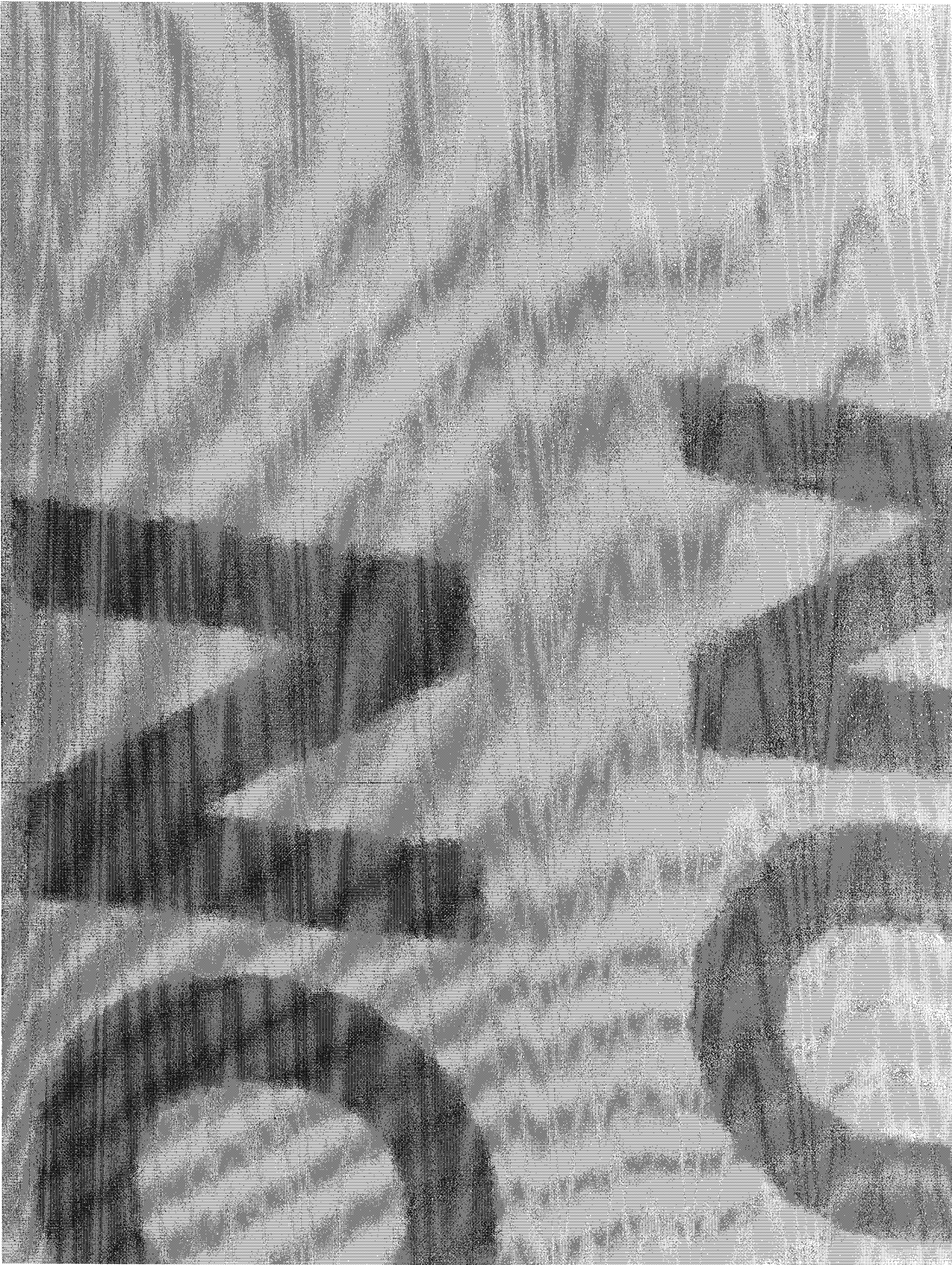
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**From:** Dino Thompson <dthompson685@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 7:48 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Good evening hope all's well. I am a resident of Pines Village and I am voicing my concern about the listed banner. Bottom line ! Not in my neighborhood.

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**From:** Yvette Lantigua <yvette.lantigua@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; jschwartz@poines.com; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments; oolantigua@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** NO ZONE CHANGE- NO CREMATORY

Good Afternoon,

I have been a resident and homeowner at Pines Village for the past three and a half years.

My husband and I are raising 2 small children here.

Please do not intoxicate our neighborhood and city.

The chemicals that a Crematory emit into the air are harmful to our health both mental and physical.

We need to work together to save our planet and preserve our humanity.

We DO NOT approve of a Crematory or Zone Change in our community of Pines Village or our City of Pembroke Pines.

Thank you.

Yvette Lantigua  
786-873-2628  
Yvette.Lantigua@yahoo.com

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**From:** Eric Nagy <soundsfab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Crematory in Pines Village

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To whom it may concern,

I Eric Nagy, live in Pines Village with my family of four, two kids, two adults, and we reside right behind Boyd's Funeral Home. Only for a moment I'd like to disregard the toxins and odors that will be dispersed into the air, and instead focus on the disgrace it brings to my religion to be cremated. As I do understand everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, I find it unacceptable to subject my family and the fellow residents to this. I find it difficult to recognize the probability of this idea occurring when it is directly adjacent to a residential neighborhood, and two schools (high school, and elementary) across the street. I can't see many parents being thrilled at the idea that their children would have to go to school each day with such an awful smell, seeing the smoke in the sky, and inhaling chemicals such as mercury, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide. If the funeral home is so fixated on building their crematory to better their income, I hold that they could find a warehouse in a commercial or industrial neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,  
Eric Nagy

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**From:** Zelma <zelmadi@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 2:59 PM  
**To:** Schwartz, Jay; Siple, Iris; Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** No Zone Change No Crematory

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I Zelma Diaz VOTE NO TO CREMATORY IN MY Neighborhood of Pines Village., I have been living in this neighborhood for over 20 years and this is the last thing we need in our neighborhood our neighborhood is clean quiet and I would like to keep it like this ,,

Thank you

Zelma Diaz

954-260-1603

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**From:** Bob Rook <bobbrook6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Public Comments  
**Subject:** no zone change no crematory

Hello

We are writing this because we do not want to have a crematory in our area. We feel it would be unpleasant and could cause health problems. Please reconsider allowing this project to be done.

Thank you

Robert and Rosa Rook

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** osmel Fu <osmel52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** NO CREMATORY/CITY OF PINES VILLAGE

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TO THOSE WHO IT MAY CONCERN:

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This is my FOR-EVER-HOME.

Please do not let them pass this vote.

Stay safe and healthy

OSMEL A. Fu.  
111 SW 63rd Terrace

**Rogers, Debra**

**From:** Angie Vasco <vascoangie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** Chanzas, Larissa  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Fw: NO CREMATORY/CITY OF PINES VILLAGE

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This is my FOR-EVER-HOME.

Please do not let them pass this vote.

Stay safe and healthy

Angie Vasco

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Scott Johnson <sj634@nova.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Chanzas, Larissa  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** RE: Please Vote NO to the installation of a crematory oven at 6400 Pines Blvd

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Dear Commissioner Chanzas,

I am writing to you again urging you to vote "NO" on the zoning change now scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> allowing a crematory oven to be installed in my residential neighborhood. I did not hear back from you regarding my initial email to you and certainly hope that you are on the side of the community and will vote "NO." I hope you value our community more than the business interests of Boyd-Panciera, which will bring tremendous harm to where I live. Thank you

Scott Johnson  
300 SW 68th Blvd  
Pembroke Pines, FL

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**From:** Scott Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** lchanzes@ppines.com  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO to the installation of a crematory oven at 6400 Pines Blvd

Dear Commissioner Chanzas,

I am a resident of Pines Village imploring you to please vote "NO" on the May 20<sup>th</sup> vote to authorize a crematory oven at 6400 Pines Blvd tomorrow. I live a block away from the site and I am very concerned of the dangerous and toxic contaminates such a facility would bring to my neighborhood and Pembroke Pines. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Scott Johnson  
300 SW 68<sup>th</sup> Blvd  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33023

**From:** MICHAEL MANN <mulletmann@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** No Crematory

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Please add our names (Michael Mann and Ada Mann) to the long list of Pines Village Residents who DO NOT WANT the CREMATORY in our neighborhood.

We are located at ground zero and we do not wish to have all the repercussions of having these toxic and non toxic residues falling all over our homes and yards.

Please vote "No" when it comes time to vote.

We love Pembroke Pines and we do not wish to have to sell our home and move to a safer non-toxic community.

Thank You!

## **Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** The Pines Village Group Inc <thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Chanzas, Larissa; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Vinny Parlatore PVG; Public Comments  
**Subject:** City Wide Zone Change/Crematory

City of Pembroke Pines Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Iris Siple, Commissioner Larissa Chanzas, Commission Jay Schwartz, Commissioner Tom Good

Good Morning to All...

Pines Villagers extend our thoughts and prayers as we all travel through these troubling times coming together with compassion, understanding, and reaching out with a helping hand for those in need.

City Commission,

June 3rd, 2020 is closing upon us and it's time to STOP and STEP up to the plate.. NO more deferrals, it's time to listen to the residents of Pines Village (Ground Zero) and all citizens of Pembroke Pines as they wonder how you will vote on Item #12.

Please LISTEN to your CONSCIOUS, HEART, and the citizens, it should then be a "NO VOTE", so many citizens will be tuning in to watch and listen how each on the commission will Vote.

Mayor and Commissioners have certainly already received overwhelming emails and phone calls from Residents including even some outside of our community, voicing their feelings about the "City Wide Zone Change/ Crematory Oven Installation " in the Pines Village Community (Ground Zero) Located at Boyd's/Pancier Funeral Home 6400 Pines Blvd, across the Street from McArthur High School, Hollywood Elementary School, and adjacent end the Happy Day Child Development Center.

Our City has adopted a City Green Plan which should be for ALL citizens and Community's within the City of Pembroke Pines, and NOT only for a selected few.

If this item, # 12, is passed.. this may cause many citizens to rethink, their trust, confidence and leadership in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Will Pines Village Change our Slogan from "Where it All Began " or to " Where it All Ended" ?...

City of Pembroke Pines incorporated in 1960-61 in Pines Village, the 1st City Hall was located in Pines Village, our Slogan says it all.

"How many lives are acceptable, answer is 50... 50 people appeared which included your FAMILY and FRIENDS... asked again.. how many people is acceptable... answer is ZERO....EVERY LIFE COUNTS

So ask yourself that same question..?..

Villagers were interviewed to voice their views against this "City Wide Zone Change/Crematory Oven Installation at Boyd's Funeral Home by WSVN-7, with "Help me Howard ", Patrick Fraser and Howard Finkelstein.



The story will be aired on the "Help me Howard " segment.  
Date and time; Today, June 2, 2020 @ 10 pm Channel 7  
WSVN-7

Respectfully

Randy Migdalski-President  
Pines Village Group Inc  
Pines Village  
Pembroke Pines Fl  
305-542-3750  
thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com  
"Where it All Began"

Sent from my iPhone

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Eve <imarin1122@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 9:18 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Public Comments  
**Subject:** VOTE NO

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So Ladies and Gentlemen represent ME.....and mine.....

I live within ground zero and believe me I am totally against this idea of a crematory, not only feet from my home but feet from 2 schools (an elementary and a high school).

I'm sure we are all concerned and aware of the serious risks involved , known and unknown. But at this stage, knowing how fragile we are as human beings, and so obvious during this pandemic that I do not see the reason to take additional risks in my life , not only for myself and my family but for those looking out for my good welfare as well.

Sincerely,

Angel & Ivonne Marin  
6421 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Pembroke Pines. Fl. 33023

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** GREGG DRZEWICKI <gdi72@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Crematorium

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**As a homeowner, my family & I DON"T want a crematorium built on the edge of Pines Village.**

**Mr. & Mrs. G. Drzewicki**

**7010 SW 10th Court**

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Kelly <kelly618@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Public Comments  
**Subject:** Pines Village Zone Change

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To Whom This May Concern:

As a Pines Village Resident for almost 18 years as well as a mother of 2 young children, I am opposing the idea of placing a crematory so close to the neighborhood. Not only is it right across the street from a high school and an elementary school, it will be by a community filled with families. This will place all individuals at risk with the pollution that will be in the air and make families have to consider re-locating. My VOTE is NO for the zone change and crematory. Please take my concerns into consideration. This is not a good idea. I would hate to have to re-locate my family at this time. We have enough going on in our lives right now, we certainly don't need this as well.

Thank you for your time,  
Kelly Steinle

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Louise Martinez <louise@harbourtownemarina.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Chanzas, Larissa; Public Comments; thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Zone Change - Boyd's

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We are **STILL** Voting **NO** to the Zone Change in Pines Village for Boyd's FH to be able to install a cremation oven. Crematoriums produce dangerous pollutants that can cause cancer & other serious health problems. There are two schools across the street, it can **NOT** be safe for the students or the residents!!! We don't need any more pollutants in our atmosphere or at least in The Pines Village!

### **NO to Zone Change!!!**

Louise Martinez

Joseph Martinez

Corey Martinez

6481 SW 2nd Street

Pines Village

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*Louise Martinez*

Administrative Assistant

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801 NE Third Street

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Fax: 954-922-5485

Email: [louise@harbourtownemarina.net](mailto:louise@harbourtownemarina.net)

***"Life is Either a Daring Adventure or Nothing at All."***

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Bill Patterson <bpatt.mdcps@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 2:52 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO on Item #13

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Mayor Ortis,

I am writing you today to voice my opinion on item #13 2020-5 Zone Change & the Installation of a Crematory Oven.

With all due respect I do not believe that this is a good thing for our community. I understand free market and the company should be able to make changes to their business but not at the expense of the people around them. As you are most likely aware of now, the toxins that a crematory oven would emit into the surrounding area neighborhoods would be bad for generations to come.

This business is located in a neighborhood directly across the street from an elementary school and a high school. Do you really want to be part of these neighbors and school students breathing mercury, dioxins, Sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and hydrogen chloride for years to come? Are you willing to have our society foot the bill for the health care that will result from these toxins being released? And what about the anguish these parents and children will have to deal with and knowing that our civic leaders that we elected had turned their backs on us.

I do not agree with this oven being constructed in our neighborhood and neither should you.

Please vote no on item #13 2020-5 Zone Change & the Installation of a Crematory Oven.

Thank you,

William Patterson

Concerned Pines Village Resident

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** AMARFIS BENEDICTO <benedictomafi1973@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** NO ZONE CHANGE NOCREMATORY!!

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I are voting " NO " to rezoning and installation of a Crematory in Pines Village. We just purchased a beautiful home in this area and we really like this neighborhood very much . Please try to find another area not near here , we don't need this in our beautiful pines village .

Thank You for your time .



## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Sandra <sjramirez10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:** Ortis, Frank; Good, Tom; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Ichanzas@ppines.com  
**Subject:** Vote "No" on Zone Change

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Dear Pembroke Pines City Commission,

As a resident of Pines Village, I am asking you to vote "NO" on the proposed zone change requested by Boyd-Panciera Funeral Care. I am opposed to the installation of a cremation oven in our city, especially in Pines Village.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra Ramirez  
6770 SW 12 Street  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33023

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** Valerie Allwardt <val4577@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** Siple, Iris  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** "NO" Crematory in Pines Village

I am OPPOSING the Rezoning and Installation of a Crematory in Pines Village.

Valerie Allwardt

Sent from my iPhone

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Sawsan Elshaer <elshaersawsan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 7:40 AM  
**To:** Schwartz, Jay  
**Cc:** Good, Tom  
**Subject:** Zone change

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Please no zone change  
No crematory  
Sawsan elshaer  
6828 sw 13 st  
Pembroke Pines

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Xavier Vega <xvega001@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Good, Tom; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Ichanzes@ppines.com  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Vote "No" on Zone Change

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Thank you for your consideration.

Xavier Vega  
6770 SW 12 Street  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33023

**Rogers, Debra**

**From:** ernestocasabella@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 9:33 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** No Creamatory in Pines Village

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To: Whom it may concern. We are a family of 6, with 4 kids and two dogs in the Pembroke Pines Community (City Of Pines Village). We are strongly opposed to having a crematory in our community. a crematory DOES NOT belong in a community of families, close to schools, or where families are at parks or outside bar-b-queing. Creamatories pollution produce cancer, breathing issues, and still births, plus more that we are not aware of yet. Too many chemicals such as Mercury, Dioxins, Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxide, and Hydrogen Chloride would be released into OUR AIR in our homes, schools, and communities. N\We have spoken to many neighbors and we are ALL AGAINST this crematory. Youd YOU WANT THIS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD or BLOCK???? The answer is "NO".

Sent from my iPhone

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Holly Smith <hasmithwriting@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments; thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Crematorium on Pines Boulevard across from McArthur High School

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May 30, 2020

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Holly Ann Smith. My maiden name is Holly Ann Baublitz and I grew up at 6851 SW 6th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL. My two parents, Edward and Becky Baublitz, along with my brother, sister in law, sister in law's mother and 7 yr old nephew all still reside there. My parents have owned the home since 1989-1990. I currently live in Hallandale Beach, however I am over at the house 3-4 times a week with my 3 yr old son and 7 yr old daughter to visit my family and help care for my father who has leukemia and early onset dementia.

Just today, my Sister in Law Ashley Baublitz just made me aware of the City's proposal to build a crematorium in the location of a current shopping plaza across from McArthur High School, which is also across the street from an elementary school and on the edge of a very large residential area commonly known as "Pines Village." This idea is absolutely preposterous. How could the City of Pembroke Pines be so utterly careless regarding the quality of life and health of their residents, especially their children?

I wanted to make you all aware of a few academic facts regarding the byproducts of a crematorium which are released into the air, because I am sure if you were aware of these facts this would never even have been considered in such a location. According to an article written in Medium magazine in November of 2018, EPA data regarding crematoriums is extremely outdated (having been performed in 1999) and only done on one single crematorium. That being said, it is known to be dangerous to the environment and the people in the surrounding area. According to Deedee Correll of the Los Angeles Times in 2008, when a body is cremated, mercury from such things such as teeth fillings and other medical implants and devices vaporizes. Mercury can be present in the amalgam dental fillings and medical devices of bodies that are cremated. Once it is in the atmosphere, mercury returns to Earth in the form of rain, ending up in lakes and other bodies of water where it can lead to elevated levels of mercury in fish. In humans, mercury damages the nervous system and can harm childhood development. Mercury is at its most dangerous when it's heated. Symptoms of mercury poisoning often resemble neurological disorders such as autism, Asperger's, Alzheimer's, and dementia as well as many autoimmune disorders. As little as one gram of vaporized mercury can make the air toxic, and some people have more than four grams worth of fillings in their mouths, which would be burned and released into the air once the body was cremated. How could you consider allowing such a dangerous chemical to be released into the atmosphere right over 2 schools and a neighborhood full of families?

According to the Georgia Department of Health, there are also other heavy metals like cadmium, lead, and nickel, other known carcinogens like dioxins and furans, and even hydrogen chloride have also been found in the air from crematoriums. There is strong scientific evidence that crematoriums produce dangerous pollutants which are linked with serious health problems, especially for children. These pollutants don't just include mercury (however mercury would be considered most likely the most dangerous), but also dioxins,

dibenzofurans, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and hydrogen chloride. In 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stated that toxins are indeed released into the environment through the cremation of human bodies. Young children and unborn babies are the most vulnerable because their brains and nervous systems are still developing. Studies done by researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center found that close proximity to sources of mercury release were associated with increases in learning disabilities, autism and special education rates. Adults can also develop problems with the brain and nervous system, as well as the lungs, kidneys and immune system.

The most ridiculous thing of all? There is no one to even monitor the crematorium business! According to the Los Angeles Times, the EPA intended to regulate the funeral industry, but then crematories were taken out of the solid-waste incinerators category due to lobbying and have not been placed in another category to be regulated since! So the research stated above is not even regulated or kept track of properly by any level of the government as would any other environmental hazard. Yet how could the City of Pembroke Pines still want to build this across the street from 2 schools and on the entrance into a large residential neighborhood?

I will be attending the online town meeting on behalf of my parents. My mother is not technologically knowledgeable enough to attend on her own and my father suffers from diabetes, chronic myeloid leukemia, early onset dementia and is wheelchair bound as it is. My nephew suffers from asthma, as I'm sure many other residents in Pines Village do too. Yet you want to throw ash and chemicals from burning dead bodies into the neighborhood and schools right across the street.

This idea should have never even come to fruition and how it did I will never know, nor do I care. However, it should not be allowed. It is an unregulated industry known to spew deadly carcinogens into the air affecting especially children and the elderly. With all due respect, I hope that my scientific facts have made an impact on your outlook and make you see that this simply cannot and should not be permitted to be built.

Sincerely,

Holly A. Smith  
On behalf of the Baublitz Family  
136 NW 6th Ave., Unit 1, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009  
[hasmithwriting@gmail.com](mailto:hasmithwriting@gmail.com)  
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[Tgood@ppines.com](mailto:Tgood@ppines.com)

Cc: [publiccomments@ppines.com](mailto:publiccomments@ppines.com) and [thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com](mailto:thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com)

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Ashley Baublitz <ashleybaublitz@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank; Chanzas, Larissa; Siple, Iris; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Crematory

To whom this may concern,

I live on 6th street in pines village ... There [OBJ] are a million things to build in the spot why in hell would you want to build crematory .Right Across the street of high school [OBJ], behind homes , elementary school !!!!! Image all the pollution that will make people sick !!!!! Build something that will benefit our community, build a Coffee shop a convenient store.... Yes I know we need a crematory to store all the deceased people ... But Build it where there's no Housing community [OBJ], no schools !!! Build it all the way out west!!! My son has asthma I can't even imagined what is health will be not to mention ..... if this is approve I will no longer leave in pines village ... the Cremation Stack have CANCER causing agents, Heavy Metal such as MERCURY, and any more emissions that are very HARMFUL to Adults, Children, Babies, Unborn Babies, etc., ALL are short or long term effects which can be linked to many health conditions. You can go on the internet and do your own research to verify the research and studies on the emissions from the cremation oven stack, and this will lead you in many directions as you ask questions about cremation, then all agreeing to a conclusion, it's all VERY BAD and harmful to humans including the operations close to or around any residential community's, schools, day care's, parks, etc. , please stop them for our community!!!!  
Save our community save our pines village



## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Rosy Rosario <rosannyrosario49@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank  
**Subject:** NO ZONE CHANGE NO CREAMATORY

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To: Whom it may concern. We are a family of 6, with 4 kids and two dogs in the Pembroke Pines Community (City Of Pines Village). We are strongly opposed to having a crematory in our community. a crematory DOES NOT belong in a community of families, close to schools, or where families are at parks or outside bar-b-queing. Creamatories pollution produce cancer, breathing issues, and still births, plus more that we are not aware of yet. Too many chemicals such as Mercury, Dioxins, Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxide, and Hydrogen Chloride would be released into OUR AIR in our homes, schools, and communities. N\We have spoken to many neighbors and we are ALL AGAINST this crematory. Youd YOU WANT THIS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD or BLOCK???? The answer is "NO".

Rosanny Rosario and family

**From:** Chef Ernesto <ernestocasabella@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:28 AM  
**Subject:** NO ZONE CHANGE TO CREAMATORY

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To: Whom it may concern. We are a family of 6, with 4 kids and two dogs in the Pembroke Pines Community (City Of Pines Village). We are strongly opposed to having a crematory in our community. a crematory DOES NOT belong in a community of families, close to schools, or where families are at parks or outside bar-b-queing. Creamatories pollution produce cancer, breathing issues, and still births, plus more that we are not aware of yet. Too many chemicals such as Mercury, Dioxins, Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxide, and Hydrogen Chloride would be released into OUR AIR in our homes, schools, and communities. N\We have spoken to many neighbors and we are ALL AGAINST this crematory. Youd YOU WANT THIS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD or BLOCK???? The answer is "NO".

Ernesto Casabella and family

**Rogers, Debra**

**From:** DIANE COSENTINO <dianenbill@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** Chanzas, Larissa  
**Cc:** Siple, Iris  
**Subject:** crematory

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I live at 6431 SW 2 St for over 30 years. Please vote No on this crematory. My home is right behind the funeral home. I attended meeting earlier this year and have also did my own research on this matter. It takes at least 2 to 3 hours for a body of 150 pounds to burn, all the gasses and toxins are going to be released. Also I will be looking at stacks from my back yard. They have told us that we will not see or smell anything. I went over by Fred Hunter on Taft St and those stacks are big and they will be seen. I also do not understand why there was no yellow notice signage posted on their property for this change of zoning. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,

Diane Cosentino  
954-303-7664

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Donna North <donnaorth59@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** NO to Cremate-NO to Zone Change in Pines Village

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First off it's a hard NO.

I'm a 30 year resident, a mother, a grandmother and a cancer survivor. I'm appalled to think this would even be considered in our green city with a motto "Join Us - Progress with Us"

This is the first and only home I have bought and I just loved Pines Village. It was suppose to be my forever home, my safe place with clear air and beach breezes.

The cancer causing mercury, emissions and toxins are harmful to our environment, our children in the schools across the street.

These families all chose to make Pines Village their home, to raise their kids and enjoy the beautiful outside we have to offer in our Beautiful city of trees.

Our neighborhood will be undesirable and our property values will go down.

So I'm asking you if your a dad, a grandfather or even love kids and don't want to leave us all sick then put you friendship aside with the Boyd's - Panciera Family and do the right thing by your residents, the children and please vote no 🙏

Thank you 🙏

Donna North

6911 SW 6 Street

Pembroke Pines

Sent from my iPhone

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Michael Balcom <mebalcom@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** Public Comments; Ortis, Frank  
**Subject:** Fw: Pines Village Zoning Change to Allow for Cremation Services - Against

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Planning and Zoning Board Members and Mayor Fortis:

I want to express my concerns regarding proposed zoning change to Pines Village (B-3 to B-2) to allow for cremation services.  
Pines Village being the original part of the city has seen some decline and neglect over the years, negatively impacting quality of life and property values.  
We need to take measured steps to improve the area representing the original city, and not allow for further degradation.

Whereas there are known negative health ramifications associated with cremation service, and somewhat of a negative stigma, we should not allow this service within or to border our residential community,  
I am asking the board to deny this change request. Your actions directly impact the quality of life in Pines Village along with the associated property value concerns.  
Please restrict B-3 to B-2 zoning change as it is not in the best interests of the citizens of Pembroke Pines.  
Thank you.

Respectfully yours,  
Mike Balcom  
6791 SW 10th ST  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33023

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** Traci Collins <traci.collins83@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** fortise@ppines.com; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Public Comments  
**Subject:** No city wide zone change no crematory oven

To whom this concern,

I would like to vote no to the city wide zone change on the crematory oven. I have sickle cell anemia and live at 6521 sw 1st court Pembroke Pines Fl with my parents Who both have under lying health conditions and this change would not be good for any of our health.

Thank you

Traci Collins  
Traci.Collins83@icloud.com

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** kim.armstrong68 <kim.armstrong68@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** Fortise@ppines.com; lsiple@ppines.com; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom  
**Cc:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Zoning change for Crematory

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As a registered voter and a long-time resident of Pines Village, I am writing you to express my extreme concern about a zoning item under consideration -- the request to change things to allow Boyd's Funeral Home to add a crematory to their facility on Pines Blvd.

This location is directly across the street from both West Hollywood Elementary and McArthur High School on the north. It also immediately abuts the residential area of Pines Village on the south and east and also would impact the homes just to the west.

I am respectfully requesting that you vote NO on this item. This location should not be permitted to add a crematory to the premises. There are many reasons why homeowners do not want this type of facility to be there. I'm sure you've heard them by now from many people. I add my voice to theirs.

I am begging for your help in defeating this zoning change request. The east side of Pembroke Pines needs your protection as much as the lucrative west.

If Boyd's wants a crematory in Pembroke Pines, perhaps they should consider putting one out by Pembroke Gardens... or next to one of the large car dealerships... or near one of the shopping centers with all those empty stores.

The property on Pines Boulevard and 64th is not customer the place for a crematory.

Please help block this zoning change.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Denia Amador <contractasg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:** thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com; Ortis, Frank; Siple, Iris; Schwartz, Jay; Good, Tom; Chanzas, Larissa; daniel amador  
**Subject:** ZONE CHANGE - VOTING NO TO CREMATORY OVEN

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Good afternoon City Clerk Ms. Graham,

My name is Denia Amador and I am the owner and resident of 230 SW 63rd Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL 33023. My family (we have 6 children under the age of 9 years old) and I are completely against and vote "NO" to the zone change request for permission to install a Crematory Oven. We live in Pines Village right across from MacArthur High School. We are at the entrance of the Turnpike. We are so close to the establishment and do not agree of such operations to cremate, especially now during this pandemic. The Funeral Home has been in business for several years without such need, why now? Cremation, especially COVID-19 bodies should be held at a controlled and rural facility not wherever an oven is made available.

I hope you understand our concerns. Thank you for your valued time.

**Denia Amador, FRP, MAcc**  
T (786) 570-0810



## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Fabiola A. Vargas <fabyvargas15@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:43 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Fw: Zoning Meeting to allow Crematory Ovens - Voting No.

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Voting No to allow Crematory Ovens in East Pines Village.

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**From:** Fabiola A. Vargas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:36 AM  
**To:** fortis@ppines.com <fortis@ppines.com>; isiple@ppines.com <isiple@ppines.com>; lchanzes@ppines.com <lchanzes@ppines.com>; tgood@ppines.com <tgood@ppines.com>; jschwartz@ppines.com <jschwartz@ppines.com>  
**Subject:** Zoning Meeting to allow Crematory Ovens - Voting No.

Good morning,

I am voting NO to allow Crematory Ovens in East Pines Village. I have been a Pines Village resident for over 20 years. I love this community. I enjoy seeing the Burrowing Owls, on 72nd Avenue, the foxes and other animals we share this community with.

Cordially,

Fabiola Vargas

## Rogers, Debra

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**From:** Donna North <donnaorth59@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 6:18 AM  
**To:** Ortis, Frank  
**Cc:** Good, Tom  
**Subject:** New logo sign " Welcome to Pembroke Pines the village that BREATHS DEATH"

Hey Frank and Tom

I am a 2 year cancer survivor and it's a No No to zone change and NO burning bodies - crematory oven In our back yard. Thought our city was green come grow with us - This will be no more it will be

New logo sign " Welcome to Pembroke Pines the village that BREATHS DEATH"

I am over 60 and a 30 year resident of pines village and enjoy my Fresh air my pool and outdoors. No way do I want my family and grand baby breathing this . It will kill our quality of life and pollute our air and beautiful city Donna North

Sent from my iPhone

**Rogers, Debra**

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**From:** Carlos Morales <moralescarlosjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Public Comments; Ortis, Frank; Good, Tom; Ichanzes@ppines.com; Schwartz, Jay; Siple, Iris  
**Cc:** Babe; thepinesvillagegroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: "Pines Village Zone Change"

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Dear City Leadership,

I am a Pine Village homeowner and a parent of 2. I need to express my extreme discomfort and my opposition to the proposed zoning change that would allow a crematory in the Pines Village community. The environmental and health impact this will put on our families and community should not be permitted. There is overwhelming research that proves the negative impact that includes public health risk and nuisance this could create. Ignoring such research will risk the health, safety, and peaceful enjoyment of so many resident voters who have placed their trust in the city commission and their fiduciary responsibility. These carbon emissions are not meant for residential neighborhoods. We have many children and retirees that live here. These mercury emissions enter the atmosphere and will eventually make its way into our drinking water.

Canadian National Collaborative Centre for Environmental Health:

<https://nceeh.ca/documents/field-inquiry/crematoria-emissions-and-air-quality-impacts>

State of George Public Health Department

<http://www.woodstockga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1781/DPH---Crematories?bidId=>

US Senate Research Committee

<http://www.senate.ga.gov/sro/Documents/StudyCommRpts/12CrematoriaStudy.pdf>

Additionally, Broward County has aligned itself with the Paris Climate Agreement by which County Leadership agreed to reduce carbon emissions in 2020 to reduce our carbon footprint. This action of permitting a "tolerable amount of toxins" per pound as outlined in the proposed zone amendment should not be accepted as it does the opposite. I am not in favor of any zoning change that would negatively impact the environment and wish that the city commission commits to take steps necessary in securing the safety of the environment for our children's future. As a city that continues to promote a safe place for families, please join me and my fellow neighbors in voting NO to the zoning change.

<https://www.wearestillin.com/organization/broward-county>

- Adopt policies to reduce the carbon footprint of new and/or existing buildings.
- Promote practices that reduce the carbon footprint of food procurement and consumption and prevent food waste.
- Give all residents in my community, especially those underrepresented or of marginalized groups, a voice in setting policy and action plans.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Warmest regards,

Carlos Morales and the Morales Family  
[moralescarlos.jr@gmail.com](mailto:moralescarlos.jr@gmail.com)  
6601 SW 5th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33023

P.S. Additional Research

Concerns Regarding Funeral Home Incinerator:

<http://www.ejnet.org/crematoria/dioxinexcerpts.pdf>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5931459/> Palm Beach Post article in 2015:

<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/arti.../20150716/NEWS/812066867...> Who would want to endure anything like this episode that happened in Lake Worth in 2015. Certainly having a residential community adjacent to a facility of this type would have made it much worse: "Let me tell you the smell of that smoke: Burning tires and hot rotting fish. Definitely rancid," said Yolanda Vazquez, who saw the smoke billowing from the stacks of the busiest crematory in Palm Beach County, All County Funeral Home and Crematory at 1107 Lake Ave. The CEO of the company described the smell as "was caused in part by "the physical composition of the decedent," or in other words, the burning of rotting flesh. How horrible. Some residents say the smoke and odor lingered for at least an hour, leaving a stench on their clothes and in their cars. The report goes on to say, that "At a minimum, the incident sheds a light on a topic that makes some people squeamish — the co-existence of crematoriums and their neighbors." If crematoriums emit black smoke, they are required under state law to "self-report" the incident, known as an "upset condition," to the local health department the day it occurs. This reporting requirement would not exist if this never occurred. Article:

<http://www.ejnet.org/crematoria/health.html> A UK study found that "The risk of stillbirth was 4% higher and the risk of the life-threatening brain abnormality anencephalus was 5% higher among babies whose mothers lived near to crematoria." Article: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/.../resident.../article17991303/> The Globe & Mail (Canada): "a resident in community medicine at the University of British Columbia, wrote a report last year recommending against putting them in residential neighborhoods because of potentially harmful health effects. Smoke from crematoriums contain particulate matter, which has been linked to heart attacks, bronchitis, exacerbation of asthma and other respiratory conditions, he said." "There's very little science out there with respect to the health effects of crematoriums in residential neighborhoods," he said, adding, the health authority's concern is the black smoke created when combustion is occurring at too high a temperature or too quickly, in both old and new crematoriums. Mr. Tanner has seen this happen at the crematorium behind his house. "On occasion, there's big clouds of black smoke. . . .". Crematorium emissions are strictly regulated in most of Western Europe, as well as Japan and Hong Kong. Of particular concern in these regions are mercury emissions, which come from amalgam in tooth fillings. Another article states: "a neighbor of the crematorium wrote that "when the crematorium burns bodies the black stinking smoke is so thick that at times you cannot see the parking lot. At other times, ashes fall from the sky like snow. The smell of burning flesh stays on your clothes even after you rush inside." Some black smoke is discharged when a cremation starts, according to Combs, "but there is no ash to be found." I can imagine some people being distressed at seeing a puff of smoke coming out of a crematorium. I can imagine that for some WWII survivors, it would be outright distressing. The potential for smell, particulate matter, and possible harmful contaminants in the air would make placement in or near a residential community inappropriate. Zoning would generally not permit this today, but some crematoriums are "grandfathered in." It would not be appropriate to allow an existing funeral home to add a crematorium if existing zoning would not permit new construction of such a facility. A crematorium is typically zoned in FL as a Light Industrial Service.