



## **Public Statement**

From: The Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties

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Over the last several weeks, the public input surrounding the Rivian announcement has produced a thoughtful dialogue on how best to plan and prepare for an economic development opportunity of this size, unprecedented in both size and scope.

This public interest has not gone unheard or unnoticed. This is a generational opportunity for our community, and we want to get it right. In response to the high volume of local input, we have charged our legal, environmental, and planning experts to thoroughly evaluate these new concerns and assess how those with merit may be addressed in our planning process.

While we are confident this effort will result in a better outcome for all parties, this process will take time. Therefore, we have asked the Walton County Planning Commission to table all zoning matters pertaining to this project on the agenda slated for Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Thank you for participation in this public process and we look forward to a thoughtful, civil dialogue in weeks ahead.