



**MEMORANDUM**

October 1, 2019

**To:** Jacqueline W. Brown, Director  
Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee

**From:** Steven E. Darcey, CPESC  
Executive Director

**RE:** Comments to CB-61-2019

Please find comments to CB-61-2019 for consideration.

1. The Soil Conservation District supports efforts to introduce “aquaponics” into the County especially on underutilized areas such as abandoned golf courses. The aquaponic enterprise, however, should be conducted in such a manner as to preserve the character of the existing area and land use.

2. Page 4 line 10.

Why is this opportunity offered to “non-profit” only? If we want to promote a potentially new economic enterprise such as aquaponics, we should encourage both for-profit and non-profit business.

3. Page 4 line 13-14.

Rather than limiting the operation to a “greenhouse or agricultural building”, the language should indicate that aquaponic operations take place in a greenhouse or some other enclosed, climate-controlled building. We don’t want to give the impression that the activity is located on a farm property. The term “agricultural building” may indicate, unintentionally, that these structures fall under the state legislation exempting agricultural buildings from permits.

I hope these are helpful comments. Please contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.