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Ann Fligsten, Founder and Board Chair of Growth Action Network (GAN), to resign.

GAN announced today that Ann Fligsten, its founder and Board Chair, is resigning to start a law practice with her son. Pat Lynch, GAN’s Vice Chair, will become Acting Board Chair until a new Board Chair is elected. “Leaving GAN was a hard decision,” says Fligsten, “as I love the organization and all we have learned and accomplished together; but I do not believe that I can continue as a member of the Board while engaged in a law practice dealing with the same kinds of issues without running into irresolvable conflicts of interest. I am excited at the prospect of creating and growing a law practice with my son, and for now that has to be my first priority.”

“We are terribly sorry that Ann is leaving us,” said Pat Lynch, Vice Chair of the Board. “Ann was the creator and leader of GAN and has been its driving force since it was incorporated in 2013. Fortunately, as a result of her leadership, GAN is well-positioned to continue the work she started under its current officers and Board. We will miss Ann, but we are confident that the organization can go on without her. We wish her well in her new undertaking. Meanwhile, we have a strong, experienced Board whose members are committed to working to make this County the best it can be.”

GAN has chalked up many successes under Ann Fligsten’s leadership, including:

- Raising the impact fees paid by developers to reflect better the costs new developments create for roads, schools, and public services.
- Creating a citizen advisory group that made significant contributions to the 2009 General Development Plan
- Strengthening the requirements for community meetings prior to the approval of new development to give communities a stronger voice in developments that affect them.
- Limiting the use of discretionary modifications that were weakening the requirements that new developments must meet.
- Ending the creation of more private land fills in the County.
- Organizing regular meetings with the Office of Planning and Zoning to learn about new plans and communicate citizen concerns.
- Blocking a proposal for developers to be able to have their plans reviewed by a consultant they would hire and pay for.

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