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I am writing to let you know that I am very opposed to rezoning case # W-3577, the proposed rezoning at the south side of Lewey Lane, across from Belle Avenue and Alma Drive. While the local community may be unable to prevent development, that will be detrimental to the area, nearly all residents in the Clayton Acres and St. Andrews neighborhoods are completely opposed to the addition of multi-family housing that will cause traffic and safety problems, not provide essential infrastructure to low-income residents, destroy local wildlife habitat, and potentially lower the property values of the existing community.

Traffic and the safety of pedestrians are major areas of concern. Traffic would increase by at least 200% with all traffic directed through a residential area. Many people in these areas have young children, walk their dogs, or walk for general exercise. There is already a huge concern about drivers not complying with the speed limits and threatening the neighborhood's safety. The addition to the apartment complex would put the residents in a dangerous area for daily activities. As well as safety, the roads are not maintained by the city, and since the city does not have the funding to repave the roads, this traffic would deteriorate the roads at a much higher rate and bring the area's aesthetic down.

Wildlife has been observed in the area, and any development will destroy their habitat. Any planned property development should consider the impact on local wildlife habitat.

Property values will likely decrease in the area if multi-family apartments are built. Multi-family dwellings are inconsistent with the neighborhoods developed in the area. I was disappointed that only notices were mailed within a 500-foot distance when the development would impact multiple neighborhoods as a whole.

I urge you to disapprove of the proposed rezoning, and from recent meetings and discussions with my neighbors, I know my opinions are shared by many who have not managed to attend meetings or write letters and emails.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our communities.

Sincerely,

Tanya Banner, 5325 Lewey Lane