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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to Rezoning, Case W-3577

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Dear elected officials,

I am very opposed to Case W-3577, rezoning my neighborhood, which is made up of 150 single family homes, to one with 220 three-story apartments right in the middle of it. Developers want to change the entire face of our neighborhood by destroying the woods at the corner of Lewey Lane and Belle Avenue to build an apartment complex with low-income housing. It will be surrounded on three sides by our homes and will use our existing neighborhood streets to access their only driveway/apartment complex entrance. Our area doesn't have bus routes or even a grocery store, so building apartments here doesn't even make sense.

This will create multiple issues, including more than doubling the traffic in our neighborhood; destroying the serenity of a neighborhood where folks are invested in buying their homes and knowing their neighbors; destroying the habitat for wildlife that live here; causing deterioration of the roads with more than double the existing traffic; driving down property values; creating noise issues by going from the serenity of woods to (at least) doubling our population in one small space; and most importantly, creating a less safe and more transient area.

I am a single mom of three young kids (10, 10, and 13) and I purposely bought a home in a safe, walkable, friendly, diverse, established neighborhood. I actively searched for a home that wasn't on main roads and by apartment complexes because I wanted to raise my kids where they knew their neighbors and could safely play outside. I bought in a place with trees and friendly neighbors for a reason. Because the population of apartments is much more transient by nature, that creates risks I didn't sign up for when purchasing my home in a single family home neighborhood.

I know that my neighbors feel the same way. We have talked and every person I have spoken with opposes this rezoning. We all bought our homes to live in a safe place where we can walk, ride bikes, and get to know our neighbors. Building this behemoth right in the middle of our friendly, safe, serene neighborhood will change all of that for the worst. Please vote NO to rezoning our neighborhood!

Best,
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