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July 15, 2008

Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk
City of Ann Arbor
100 North Fifth Avenue
P.O. Box 8647
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Re: Rezoning of North Sky Property

Dear Ms. Beaudry:

I am writing in response to your July 2nd letter regarding the "North Sky" Property and the potential rezoning of the property proposed in Ordinance No. ORD-08-25. My family and I live on Bateson Court and *would like to voice our strongest opposition to this zoning change.*

The area that we live in is very rural, and the lots are typically well over an acre. We feel that this is high density housing development will negatively impact our neighborhood – not only those directly adjacent but also those living nearby. It will:

- Increase the air, noise, and light pollution in the area.
- Add greatly to the number of vehicles traversing the area, and contribute additionally to the continuing traffic problem along and near Pontiac Trail during peak hours
- Completely destroy the appearance and natural features.
- Deplete green space and habitat for native wildlife (deer, birds, etc). Has the Department of Environmental Quality given approval for a development in this area?
- Pose an additional safety risk for people due to the increased traffic and numbers of children.

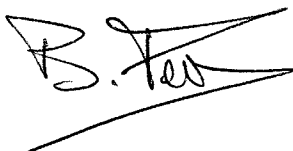
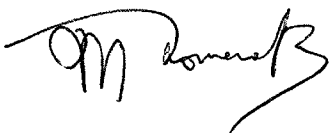
Essentially, there are no sidewalks or marked bike paths on Pontiac Trail (going north to Dhu Varren or south to the city limits). If the number of people in the area grows dramatically, there will be many more children. When the children start riding their bikes or walking to either Olson Park or Northside Elementary, they'll have to walk on the street with potentially disastrous consequences.

Last but not least, there will be a negative economic impact upon the area. Given the massive availability of homes (over 1,000 for sale in Ann Arbor alone, and 3,539 foreclosures in Washtenaw County), it can only be harmful to add additional properties and thus hurt those already trying to sell. Given the oversupply and current capital market issues, it is hard to imagine that the North Sky development will succeed. If such a development is started and fails, who will cover the costs of the sewer and water installation? What are the other yet unforeseen consequences?

We do not feel that approving such a rezoning and development is in the best interest of the community living along Pontiac Trail and Dhu Varren, or of the City of Ann Arbor or Ann Arbor Township.

Based on these issues, we urge you to vote against this proposal and deny the zoning change

Sincerely



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Dear Ms. Beaudry,

Please let this letter serve as our
official protest to the proposed ordinance
no. ORD-08-25 (North Sky Property Rezoning).

We oppose the plan for rezoning the North
Sky Property.

Sincerely, James Joyce

Kristin Kranup-Joyce

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