

Bowden (King), Anissa

From: Waddell, Dena on behalf of CityClerk
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To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: FW: Public comment for the city council Re zoning 3451 Platt Road

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From: Sbc [<mailto:jjsee@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2014 4:36 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Public comment for the city council Re zoning 3451 Platt Road

I want my voice counted as opposed to the rezoning of this land for highly concentrated low income housing. This is not a simple NIMBY letter to be dismissed. I've got an MSW from U of M with a minor in Community Organization. In my opinion this neighborhood and the schools will suffer if you bring in more low income housing. I have owned my home on LaSalle drive just two blocks from this parcel for 17 years. Sometimes I joke that I live in the ghetto of Ann Arbor but I say so fondly as I myself have kids on reduced lunch because of health problems my income is limited.

We are a diverse working class neighborhood with a more than average amount of affordable housing nearby. On either end of LaSalle there are single family homes built as low income housing and on Creek street as well. The local elementary school (Mitchell) already has 60% of its students at or below the poverty level. It's also one of if not the lowest performing elementary school in the district. I had to pull all three of my children from Scarlet middle school because they were not safe from violence and bullying and it was difficult for them to learn because of the number of disruptive students in classes. Think about what feeds the population of Mitchell and Scarlett.... Colonial squares, University Townhouses, Forest Hill, and the large trailer home park on Michigan Ave is also bussed in. Many, many of the more solidly middle class families felt they needed to opt with another school through schools of choice or charter schools because the atmosphere and quality of education at these schools suffer from such a high poverty concentration. It's become a vicious cycle.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider and say NO to this rezoning proposal.

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