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To: Cheng, Christopher

Subject: Chalmers Place

Hi Chris,

I am having trouble getting through by phone (tech problems on my end), but want to know if you have a recommendation for or against the Chalmers Place parking lot.

We are still strongly opposed to this. Obviously the spaces are not needed for the shopping center employees since they are being offered to Park & Ride commuters. This puts strangers looking directly into my grandchildren playing in their backyard and into the windows of their basement playroom and upstairs bedrooms. We bought the house assured that only a single family residence would go into the lot next door. I know zoning it as parking will increase the value of the land for the center owners, but will dramatically decrease the value and sale-ability of my daughter's house. It is grossly unfair.

There are other solutions to their "problem" that would not damage our neighborhood with 86 extra comings and goings on our street. Jimmy Johns takes up about ten spaces all day with speeding drivers going in and out very frequently. They do not have to park in front. They could park in the back, giving them quicker access to the road, and leave by the restaurant's back door. There is adequate unused parking there now, but more could be made by digging out a bit of the grass between the parking lot and sidewalk. There would still be plenty of buffer space.

I have never once seen all the back spaces used, and I walk there every day, twice a day, with my dog.

This is just another attempt to increase his property value by getting the land zoned commercial. There are buyers for it as a single family lot.

This will have a very negative impact on our neighborhood with all the extra traffic using Chalmers suddenly, and at an intersection that is already difficult. A light would be needed to allow all the cars to get onto Washtenaw, and there is already another light too close to allow one at our intersection. The Park & Ride commuters would be from the general public, and not the very restricted lot Mr. Travers promised, with security permits for employees only.

If this is approved I would like the city to build the highest possible security wall all the length of the 2084 Chalmers property to provide safety from the strangers now proposed. It is also quite a distance from the bus stop, and the existing parking lot has far closer spaces which would be an easier walk for the commuters, especially in winter.

I hope you can give me a call at 734-272-1372. I realize you forwarded my previous email to Mr. Travers, prompting him to call me. I'm afraid he has lost all credibility with me after assuring us that there would be tight control over who would park there, and that they desperately needed all those spaces. They then submitted a plan asking quite the opposite: the general public parking there, no security, The need for the spaces "for employees" was obviously untrue as well, since they want to give them away to commuters. They have not looked at other parking options, I believe.

They could also rent out their stores more easily if they did not require a five year lease and if they reduced the monthly charge. We are not foolish enough to think that parking is the only reason they have vacancies.

Sincerely,

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