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Subject: Tonight's meeting of the Planning Commission

Hello,

I am writing about the former Centennial Farm property at 2857 Packard, to be considered at tonight's Planning Commission meeting.

I live on Easy St. My son's high school is holding an open house tonight, so I can't be at your meeting.

I was willing to go along with the proposed development because I recognize that we need to progress on adding homes in the area. The owner himself told me he wanted a million and a half for it. The developer assured me that he HAD to build more homes per acre than in the rest of the area because the owner of the property is asking for so much. He also promised in a meeting with area residents to "save as many of these old trees as possible." But the plan he submitted does not.

Is there a price we as a community can refuse to pay? Killing a native forest fragment with landmark and woodland Black walnut and Honeylocust trees is something that we cannot put a dollar figure on.

A development could be proposed that adds houses without killing all of the trees; the owner would just have to accept a lower price. Weighed against the best interests of the children living here, that is not too much to ask.

Please follow your staff's recommendation and vote "no!"

Thank you,

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