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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

Subject: Proposed Trinitas Development

Dear Planning Commission:

The proposed development is several miles walking distance from the nearest university buildings. If students have classes on the south side of central campus, or the athletic campus, that distance can be easily increased to more than 10 miles. This distance is beyond inconvenient, it is inconceivable. All students living at the proposed development will need some sort of means of transportation. Students will need more flexibility than city buses will provide. Cars and other motorized transportation will be needed, increasing the congestion on the Pontiac Trail / Barton Drive corridor, which is already overcrowded.

Besides classes, all students will need transportation for other personal needs: Shopping, medical, worship, dining, and other purposes. No students will be able to walk for any of these purposes. The increase in traffic will not be just for weekdays at rush hour, but all seven days of the week at all hours of the day or night.

How dare we permit an out of state developer come here and bully us around, thinking that they know best what is good for students, we neighbors, and the city of Ann Arbor? This development will make our property values plunge through the cellar---if we are ever able to sell our houses again. Who would want to buy property adjacent to such a transient student development?

The engineer described this undeveloped tract as the "crown jewel of Ann Arbor". In other words, one of the most desirable places in the city for development. We at Huron Highlands consider our entire neighborhood a crown, and can't understand why the city would permit, instead of a jewel to be developed there, but instead, a lump of coal to be forced onto our crown. We reject this lump of coal as an inappropriate development in the city.

If Trinitas wants to build student housing let them put it on central campus. If they can tear down Blimpy Burgers for student housing, Trinitas can build on central campus. If they can tear down Villiage Corners for student housing, Trinitas can build on central campus. If they can tear down the Frieze building for student housing, Trinitas can build on central campus. Student housing does not belong in this proposed location.

This is the wrong project for the wrong population in the wrong location.

Take a lesson from a good neighbor: Pulte Homes at North Sky. North Sky is the type of development that belongs in the Trinitas location. Let us not be bullied by this company that thinks it knows better what Ann Arborites deserve than we do ourselves.

Say "no" to Trinitas.

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