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**Subject:** Trinitas project on Pontiac Trail

Dear Commissioners!

I am writing this letter to ask you to please recommend a NO vote on April 17th concerning Trinitas' Cottages at Barton Green student housing project on Pontiac Trail.

I spoke at the last two Planning Commission meetings. The first time, I stepped forward that this decision is a "no-brainer" due to the very long list of problems with the development proposal already addressed by fellow citizens who spoke before me, and not a single benefit to the city or community by anybody. I.e. the costs are numerous and high, the benefits are few and low.

The second time, I pointed out specific issues relating to the City's Sustainability Framework, that this development is completely at odds with and would take us several steps backward in time when considering our values today: sustainability, diversity, safety.

In this letter I wish to hypothesize that most and perhaps all Planning Commissioners deeply agree with many and perhaps most of the concerns raised, and would vote NO if only there was a clear and obvious legal basis for a NO vote. Perhaps this project falls into gray area legally, (which strongly indicates that there is a need to rewrite some of the ordinances, zoning etc. codes). In this case, I heartily encourage you to PLEASE do what you know is RIGHT, and not to let inadequate city code get in the way of standing up for Ann Arbor and your constituents. City officials have the statutory duty to protect the "health, safety and general welfare" of residents, and there were 0 constituents speaking in favor of this plan precisely because this project would be detrimental to our health, safety and welfare. We have documents like the city's Climate Action Plan, the citizen-created Master Plan, the Sustainability Framework and YOUR CITIZENS in support of a NO vote/recommendation. These documents and people express the vision of the community you represent for what kind of city we want Ann Arbor to be for its citizens. You represent us, not a developer. Do what is right, even if there are legal risks involved. You will earn the respect and support of all citizens.

Thank You!

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