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Allowing Mid-Rise Buildings in Burns Park

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I am a resident of Burns Park, and I am **opposed** to mid-rise multifamily dwellings being added to our single-family communities.

1. Density and Overcrowding:

- **Increased Population:**

Mid-rise buildings, by their nature, house more people in a smaller area, straining existing infrastructure like roads, schools, and utilities.

- **Traffic Congestion:**

Increased residential density will lead to more traffic, especially during peak hours, causing congestion and making commutes more difficult.

- **Strain on Resources:**

Increased population will put a strain on resources like water, sewage, and energy, potentially requiring costly upgrades to infrastructure.

2. Impacts on Property Values:

- **Perceived Decline:**

The introduction of multifamily housing will negatively impact the value of our single-family homes.

- **Changes in Neighborhood Character:**

The perception of a neighborhood changing from a quiet, family-oriented environment to a more dense, urban one may drive away potential buyers.

- **Increased Competition:**

The influx of new housing units could lead to a glut in the housing market, driving down prices.

3. Neighborhood Character:

- **Loss of Privacy and Open Space:**

Mid-rise buildings will reduce the amount of open upward space and privacy that residents enjoy in our single-family neighborhood.

- **Noise and Activity:**

The increased density and activity associated with multifamily housing will lead to noise pollution and other issues that residents of single-family homes find undesirable.

- **Changes in Community Identity:**

The introduction of multifamily housing will alter the character of a neighborhood, leading to a feeling of displacement or loss of community identity.

4. Other Considerations:

Parking Issues:

- Mid-rise buildings require extensive parking facilities, which can take up valuable space and create visual clutter.
- **Design and Aesthetics:**
The aesthetic of mid-rise buildings does not fit with the character of our single-family neighborhoods.

5. FINAL THOUGHTS:

You were hired to, **first and foremost**, represent the people of Ann Arbor. Please keep our best interest in mind at all times.

Sincerely and with thanks,

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