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To: Planning
Subject: Proposed Platt Road Development

Dear Planning Commission:

I am a homeowner in Ann Arbor who will be impacted by the proposed affordable housing project on Platt Road. I have several concerns about the project and would like to share them with the commission prior to the meeting on Wednesday.

- The scope of this project is exponentially larger than what we were told it would be at the meeting in February 2014, it is now up to 78 bedrooms. This project really seems to be too dense.
- Now that Platt has only two traffic lanes, the school crossing at Lorraine is already congested with traffic in the mornings and after school. Safety is an issue with people speeding and children crossing the road.
- Where will the new residents park? There aren't enough parking spots on the plan.
- I am concerned that my property values will plummet with so much additional affordable housing in our neighborhood. Why are there so many affordable housing units being proposed for this area? We already have Hikone and the trailer park on Packard, and it negatively affects the schools. Can we really absorb additional low income students? Mitchell and Scarlett have 60% reduced and free lunch students. There should be a better balance in all of the Ann Arbor school areas. Perhaps this could be built in a more affluent area of the city or even downtown where the YMCA used to be.
- There are no basements because it is being built on a flood plain, next to a creek. Is building on a flood plain a good idea? Where would residents go in case of a tornado or severe storm? A storm shelter in that community will be necessary.
- In closing, I am not opposed to affordable housing but I think that this vote should be postponed so that we have additional time to review the plan and discuss the revisions. I could not attend the meeting held on July 28 and I don't think our neighborhood has been given enough time (8 days is not

long) to process the changes or they are not even aware of them due to summer travel, etc... it seems like this project is being rushed through and that is a concern to me.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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