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Subject: Proposed development on Pontiac Tr.

Hi, A2 Planning Commission,

I'm a Northside resident (885 Wickfield Ct.), and I have serious concerns about the proposed development on Pontiac Tr. across from Arrowwood.

1. Traffic is already a problem at Pontiac and Barton. Living in the nook bounded by the curve of Barton Dr. from Pontiac to Plymouth, I'm forced to make a left turn onto Pontiac Tr. or Barton Dr. every morning and evening to get to and from work. And of late, it's become increasingly difficult for me to get into and out of my neighborhood. How can you be considering adding some 600 cars to this mess? I understand a traffic study was done, and it indicated that there was no way to improve the Pontiac/Barton intersection to address extra traffic. The developer's proposed shuttle from the new complex is not enough.

2. The development includes no plan for low-income housing. Already this neighborhood is being gentrified at an alarming rate because of improvements to the school. I'm happy the A2 STEAM is bringing families to the neighborhood, but now is the time for us to be vigilant about protecting and adding low-income housing to this neighborhood to preserve its economic diversity and make it accessible to more than just the wealthiest among us.

I hope you will not let the development proceed in its current state. Traffic and the need for low-income housing both need to be addressed before it can proceed.

Best,
Katherine Whitney